

# Medicare

## What is Medicare?

Medicare is health coverage for people who are:

1. Age 65 and older
2. Under age 65 with disabilities
3. Any age with End-Stage Renal Disease
4. Any age with Lou Gehrig's Disease

## Medicare has several parts:

**Part A (Hospital Insurance):** Covers hospital stays, some care in skilled nursing facilities, some home care and hospice. No fee.

**Part B (Medical Insurance):** Covers medically necessary services like doctor's visits, preventive services, and medical equipment. There is a fee, but you may qualify for assistance to cover the cost.

**Part C (Medicare Advantage):** Not available in AK.

**Part D (Medicare Prescription Drug Plan):** Offers prescription drug coverage to everyone with Medicare. There is a fee, but you may qualify for assistance to cover the cost.



## Help with costs

You may be eligible for programs to help pay for prescriptions and for the monthly Part B premium. For people with limited incomes, Medicare can cover up to 75 percent of medication costs.



## When to sign up

Parts A, B and D: When you turn 65, you have a seven-month initial enrollment period: the three months before your birthday month, your birthday month, and three months after your birthday month (not everyone needs Part D).

Below is what your Medicare card looks like. Please let the front desk staff know if you have Medicare, so they can add it to your records.



A sample Medicare Health Insurance card for Jane Doe. The card features a red and blue header with the Medicare logo. Below the header, it lists the beneficiary's name, Medicare claim number, sex, and effective dates for Part A and Part B. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid on the card.

MEDICARE		HEALTH INSURANCE	
1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)			
NAME OF BENEFICIARY			
<b>JANE DOE</b>			
MEDICARE CLAIM NUMBER		SEX	
<b>000-00-0000-A</b>		<b>FEMALE</b>	
IS ENTITLED TO		EFFECTIVE DATE	
<b>HOSPITAL (PART A)</b>		<b>07-01-1986</b>	
<b>MEDICAL (PART B)</b>		<b>07-01-1986</b>	
SIGN HERE _____			

For more questions or assistance on how to enroll for Medicare or how you may be eligible to receive help to pay for prescriptions and Medicare Part B, please contact ANMC Health Benefits Specialists.

You can also contact the Medicare Information Office at 1-800-478-6065 in Alaska, (907) 269-3680 in Anchorage, or email [hss.medicare@alaska.gov](mailto:hss.medicare@alaska.gov).

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