

Turning 65 & Have Questions About Medicare Part B?

If you're approaching your 65th birthday, you're about to join a new club: Medicare. Medicare is the federal health insurance program for U.S. citizens age 65 years and older. Along with seniors, Medicare covers people younger than 65 with qualifying medical conditions such as End Stage Renal Disease and ALS. If you didn't sign up for Medicare Part B when you first became eligible, you may be able to sign up during the General Enrollment Period. This period runs from *January 1st through March 31st of each year*. During this time, you can sign up for Medicare Part B at your local Social Security office located at 1170 Harvard Way, Reno, NV 89502. Your Medicare Part B coverage will start on July 1st of the year you sign up. If you already have Medicare Part A and need Part B you can sign up for Part B at your local Social Security office or by calling 1-800-772-1213.

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) is a health insurance program for:

- people age 65 or older,
- people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and
- people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant)

Covers:

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| ✓ Many preventative services, including screenings for diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular disease | ✓ Home Health Services |
| ✓ Medical necessary doctors' services | ✓ Some Diabetes Supplies |
| ✓ Outpatient Care | ✓ Clinical Lab & Diagnostic Tests |
| | ✓ Durable Medical Equipment |
| | ✓ Ambulance Services |

Part B Medical Insurance - Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) helps cover doctors' services and outpatient care. It also covers some other medical services that Part A doesn't cover, such as some of the services of physical and occupational therapists, and some home health care. Part B helps pay for these covered services and supplies when they are medically necessary.

Signing up for Part B

- a. If you are already getting benefits from Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Board (RRBI), you'll automatically get Part B starting the first day of the month you turn 65.
- b. If you're under 65 and disabled, you'll automatically get part B after you get disability benefits from Social Security for 24 months or certain disability benefits from RRB for 24 months.
- c. If you have an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also called Lou Gehrig's Disease, you'll get Part B automatically the month your disability benefits begin.

Schedule your appointment today!

Contact one of our Health Center representatives to assist with your Medicare Part Enrollment application:

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