

# New to Medicare Checklist

## 4-6 months before your month of eligibility:

- Confirm your eligibility for Medicare benefits.**
  - Contact the Social Security Administration  
(Railroad retirees contact the Railroad Retirement Board)
- Review your current health insurance to see what happens after you become eligible for Medicare.**
  - Contact your HR department or current insurer
- Find out what Medicare covers and the different options for coverage.**
  - Contact the Nebraska SHIIP

## 3 months before your month of eligibility:

The following steps MAY not be necessary for everyone

- Decide which Medicare option is best for you**
  - Contact the Nebraska SHIIP
- Check with your doctor(s) to see if they accept the different types of Medicare coverage**
  - Contact your providers and local hospitals

## 1-3 months before your month of eligibility:

The following steps MAY not be necessary for everyone

- Enroll in Medicare A and B**
  - Contact your local Social Security office
  - If you are continuing work, enrolling in Part B may not be your best option
- Enroll in a Medicare Supplement Plan OR a Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan**
  - You only need one of these options. Do NOT enroll in both a Supplement and a MA plan
  - Contact an insurance agent to enroll in Supplement
  - Contact the Nebraska SHIIP for a MA plan
- Enroll in a Part D Prescription Drug Plan**
  - Contact the Nebraska SHIIP
  - If you are enrolled in a MA plan that includes drug coverage, do NOT enroll in a Part D

## Social Security Administration

Contact to determine when you are eligible for and to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B.

### Contact Information:

[www.SocialSecurity.gov](http://www.SocialSecurity.gov) 1-800-772-1213

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## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Contact for questions on Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Prescription Drug Plans (Part D) coverage, claims, and appeals.

### Contact Information:

[www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov) 1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227)

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## Nebraska Department of Insurance

Contact for complaints related to Medicare Supplement Insurance or Insurance Agents.

### Contact Information:

[www.doi.nebraska.gov](http://www.doi.nebraska.gov) 402-471-2201

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## Nebraska SHIIP

The Nebraska SHIIP offers free, unbiased Medicare counseling and education related to all parts of Medicare. Contact the Nebraska SHIIP for questions about Medicare options, claims, and other senior health insurance issues.

### Contact Information:

[www.doi.nebraska.gov/shiip](http://www.doi.nebraska.gov/shiip) 1-800-234-7119



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