

## What is Medicare?

Medicare is health insurance for:

- People 65 or older
- People under 65 with certain disabilities
- People of any age with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or kidney transplant)

## Turning 65? New to Medicare?

You can enroll in Original Medicare anytime from three months before to three months after your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is called our “Initial Enrollment Period”.

### Annual Enrollment Period: October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>

Anyone who is eligible for Medicare can choose a new Medicare Advantage Plan or Prescription Drug Plan during the Annual Open Enrollment Period. This is a great time to review your current plan coverage and switch or add plans if your needs have changed.

### Special Enrollment Periods:

You may also enroll in a new Medicare Advantage plan or change your plan anytime outside of the Annual Enrollment Period if you are:

- Losing your coverage or retiring
- Moving out of your plan’s area
- On Medicare and Medicaid
- Have certain chronic conditions

## MyMedicare.gov

Register at MyMedicare.gov to get access to your preventive health information. You can track your preventive services; get a 2-year calendar of the Medicare-covered tests and screenings you’re eligible for. If you have Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), you can get a yearly “Wellness” visit and many other covered preventive services.