

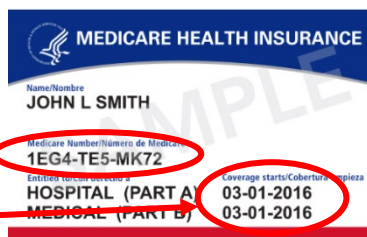
If you're new to Medicare or want to review your options during Medicare Open Enrollment (October 15-December 7), it is important to do some research. To get started, you'll need to set up an account on the Medicare.gov website to get personalized information and accurate costs.

### 1. Create a MyMedicare.gov account

- Use the password guidelines to set up a strong password.
- Remember your username and password.
- Identify an answer to a secret question, which will allow you to reset your username and/or password if you forget it in the future.

### 2. You'll need your personal information, as listed with Social Security

- Full name
- Date of birth
- ZIP Code
- Medicare number
- Medicare Part A and/or B coverage dates



### 3. Make a list of your prescriptions

- Exact name (additional letters and numbers after the name are important)
- Dosage
- Quantity
- Frequency

### 4. Write down the name of your current pharmacy

- Make a list of pharmacies you are willing to use, including mail order.

### 5. Have the names of your health care providers available.

- If you are looking for a Medicare Advantage or Cost plan you need to check their website or call their customer service to make sure your health care providers are in their plan network.
- If you use providers or get services outside the plan network the service or item may not be covered or could cost more.

### 6. Gather information about whether you get help paying Medicare costs\*

- Medical Assistance or Medicare Savings program (through county human services)
- Extra Help program (through Social Security)

\* If you get help to pay your Medicare costs, call the Senior LinkAge Line at 800-333-2433 to find a plan that best fits your level of assistance. You can also call to find out if you may qualify for help and/or to receive application assistance.

