



Medicare

What is it?

Medicare is a health insurance program.

Who can get it?

If you:

- are 65 years old or older; or
- have a disability; or
- have kidney failure; or
- get Social Security benefits then you are eligible for Medicare.

How can I get Medicare?

You need to apply. You can apply by calling the Social Security office at

1-800-772-1213

You should apply three months before your 65th birthday.



Medicare can save you money & help you stay healthy

What does Medicare pay for?

Medicare Part A pays for hospital care.

It will cover your:

- hospital stay, including the cost of your room, medications, x-rays and more.
- Professional care in a nursing home or similar facility.
- Home Health Care where a visiting nurse visits you when you're homebound.
- Hospice Care for the terminally ill.

Medicare Part B covers other medical costs.

It will cover your:

- doctor bills.
- clinic visits.
- medical tests.
- ambulance services in case of emergencies.
- Home Health Care that is not covered under Medicare Part A.
- Some medical equipment.

New Medicare Part D provides help with prescription drug costs, if eligible

For more information on eligibility for these programs and the new Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D), contact your Tribal or Indian Health Services or County Human Services.

To learn more about Medicare, please call **1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227)** or call the **Senior LinkAge Line®** at **1-800-333-2433**



Other Medicare programs

If you are an elder who does not have much income, there may be additional help for you.

Contact your Tribal or Indian Health Services or County Human Services to see if you are eligible for these programs.

You can also call the Senior LinkAge Line® at

1-800-333-2433

Connect to information online at www.MinnesotaHelp.info™

Ask about these programs:

- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary or
- Service Limited Medicare Beneficiary.
- Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, Part D



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Helpful phone numbers and websites

Phone Numbers

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

(Lost cards, basic questions, extra help with Medicare Part D prescription drug costs)

Medicare

1-800-Medicare

(1-800-633-4227)

(Hospital care, nursing home, doctor's bills, outpatient tests, etc)

StratisHealth

612-853-8526 or

1-800-444-3423 (Quality of care)

Senior LinkAge Line®

1-800-333-2433

(To get free help regarding Medicare, health insurance, or community services)

Railroad Retirees

1-800-833-4455

Websites

www.MinnesotaHelp.info

www.mnaging.org

www.SocialSecurity.gov

www.wisdomsteps.org

www.medicare.gov



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