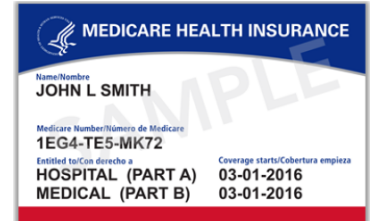


When should I apply?

You should sign up for **Medicare** three months before reaching age 65, even if you are not ready to start receiving retirement benefits. You can opt out of receiving cash retirement benefits now once you are in the online application. Then you can apply online for retirement benefits later.



There are 2 ways to apply - Online or In person

If you have the ability to use a computer, you can apply online at the below link.

<https://secure.ssa.gov/iClaim/rib>

The link will take you to this screen

REMEMBER to keep your username and password in a safe location.



Or you can apply **in person** for Medicare at your local Social Security Office. **You will need to call for an appointment.** Call at least 8 weeks prior to your birthday to be sure you have received your Medicare card (ex. above). You will need your card in order to apply for a drug, advantage or supplement health plan.

- A Social Security Administration**
Marshall, MN · (855) 210-0122
Open · Closes 4PM
- B Social Security Administration**
Alexandria, MN · (800) 772-1213
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- C Social Security Administration**
St Cloud, MN · (800) 772-1213
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