

TIMELINE	CHECK OFF THE FOLLOWING WHEN COMPLETE:
64TH BIRTHDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Get familiar with Medicare. <input type="checkbox"/> Review your current health insurance coverage to see how Medicare eligibility will affect your choices. <input type="checkbox"/> Learn if you are eligible for any income-based programs to help with Medicare Part A and B costs.
6 MONTHS BEFORE YOU TURN 65	<p>If you are retiring, begin to plan the transition from your employer plan, working with your human resources department*.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*If you are still actively working, it's important to understand how your current employer's group health plan coverage works with Medicare. Check with your employer to find out whether you can delay parts of Medicare.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*You will want to compare the cost of your employer coverage against what it would cost you to roll over to Medicare as your primary insurance.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> If you are not already receiving Social Security benefits, contact the Social Security Administration to confirm your eligibility for Medicare. <input type="checkbox"/> Review your medical history to create a profile of expected annual health care and prescription needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Build a budget worksheet to compare your options.
3 MONTHS BEFORE YOU TURN 65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Decide which provider network you are most comfortable with for routine and complex care. <input type="checkbox"/> Check to see if your current doctor accepts Medicare (if you plan to keep that doctor). <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in Medicare Part A*. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*If continuing with a current employer's group health plan, contact your employer to find out if they require you to sign up for Part A.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in Medicare Part B*. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*If continuing with a current employer's group health plan, contact your employer to find out if they require you to sign up for Part B.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Check with your employer to see how your work coverage interacts with Medicare benefits. <input type="checkbox"/> If you're enrolling in Medicare Part A and Part B, select and enroll in your Medicare supplement plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Select and enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, if desired.
AT 65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Your Medicare coverage begins. <input type="checkbox"/> Your supplement plan coverage begins. <input type="checkbox"/> Your prescription drug coverage begins.