

YOUR MEDICARE ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

You qualify for Medicare at age 65 even if you did not contribute to Social Security.

- Understand STRS Ohio's requirements. All STRS Ohio medical plan participants are required to be enrolled in Medicare when eligible. Medicare Part B is required for all enrollees. Medicare Part A is also required if it is available to you at no cost (premium free). If you decline Medicare Part B or premium-free Part A, you will no longer be eligible for STRS Ohio medical coverage.
 - Click "Health Care."
 - Click "Submit Medicare Information" under Useful Links.

- Enroll in Medicare three months before your 65th birthday. If you are enrolling in both Medicare Parts A & B, you can complete your Medicare application online at www.ssa.gov. If you are not eligible for premium-free Part A and are enrolling in Part B-only, you must visit your local Social Security Administration office or call Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213 to enroll.

- Watch your mail for enrollment confirmation from Medicare, including your Medicare card.

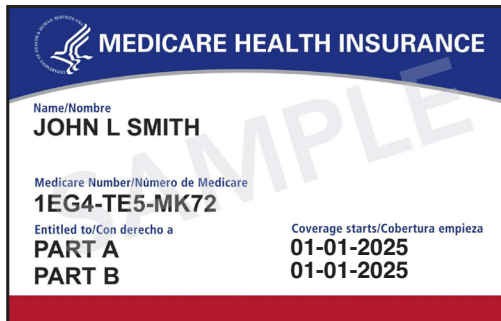
- Check your Medicare card for accuracy. If any information is incorrect, contact Medicare to request a new card with the correct information.

- Understand you will be enrolled in the Aetna Medicare Plan after Medicare enrollment is confirmed. If you do not want the Aetna Medicare Plan, you may opt-out of this plan and select the Aetna Basic Plan when you submit proof of Medicare enrollment. Coverage features for both plans can be found in Section 3 of the [STRS Ohio Health Care Program Guide](#).

Note: STRS Ohio must receive proof of Medicare enrollment by the 15th of the month to begin your participation in the Aetna Medicare Plan the first of the following month.

- View your new premiums in your Online Personal Account. Remember, premiums for benefit recipients with Medicare are lower than non-Medicare premiums. Also, premiums for benefit recipients are further reduced by a \$30 Medicare Part B premium credit.

- Pay your Part B premium to Medicare each month. If your Part B premium is not deducted automatically from a federal retirement payment, call Medicare to sign up for Medicare Easy Pay. Remember, your Medicare Part B premium is not included in your monthly STRS Ohio medical plan premium. It is a separate premium that must be paid to Medicare. Be sure to pay your premium on time to avoid cancellation of your Part B coverage. If your Part B coverage is canceled, you will no longer be eligible for an STRS Ohio medical plan.



- Submit your Medicare information to STRS Ohio through your Online Personal Account. (Your Medicare information can be found on your Medicare card.) To submit your information:
 - Log in to your [Online Personal Account](http://www.strsoh.org) at www.strsoh.org.

Additional Resources to Assist You

- **Medicare Enrollment and STRS Ohio** — This free online program offered by STRS Ohio helps you learn more about Medicare and provides an opportunity for you to ask questions during the live webinar. To register, go to the Receiving Benefits section of our website at www.strsoh.org.
- **Medicare** — Call 800-633-4227 (toll-free) to ask questions or visit www.medicare.gov to request or review a copy of the publication "Medicare & You."
- **Social Security Administration** — Call 800-772-1213 (toll-free) or visit www.ssa.gov.