



It's Time to Enroll in Medicare

Official Notice — Medicare Enrollment Is Required

Our records show your 65th birthday is approaching or you have already turned age 65. At this time, you qualify for Medicare enrollment. You are eligible for Medicare even if you did not contribute to Social Security.

STRS Ohio requires all medical plan participants 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.**

It's important to understand you will pay a monthly premium for Medicare Part B coverage. This premium is separate from your STRS Ohio premium and is paid directly to Medicare.

Once you've signed up for Medicare, you must submit proof of enrollment to STRS Ohio through your Online Personal Account so we know you're covered.

Please review the enclosed *STRS Ohio Health Care Program Guide* for important information about Medicare enrollment:

- Section 3 outlines plan features and premiums for individuals eligible for Medicare.
- Section 4 provides comprehensive information about Medicare enrollment including requirements, how to enroll and a checklist to help you track the enrollment process.

After you submit proof of Medicare enrollment to STRS Ohio, you will be enrolled in the Aetna Medicare Plan. The Aetna Medicare Plan has lower premiums and out-of-pocket costs than the Aetna Basic Plan. If you do not want to be enrolled in the Aetna Medicare Plan, you can opt out and select the Aetna Basic Plan when you submit your Medicare information to STRS Ohio.

As a Medicare enrollee, the prescription coverage included with your STRS Ohio Aetna plan is administered by SilverScript, a Medicare Part D plan and an affiliate of CVS Caremark. You must not enroll in any other Medicare Part D plan. If you do, your STRS Ohio medical and prescription coverage will be canceled.

If you have questions, please call STRS Ohio toll-free at 888-227-7877 or email us by going to www.strsoh.org and selecting "Contact" from the top menu. You can also check out the Health Care section of our website for more information about Medicare enrollment.

What's Needed

- ✓ *Enroll in Medicare Part B and pay your monthly premiums to Medicare.*
- ✓ *Sign up for Medicare Part A if coverage is premium free.*
- ✓ *Submit your Medicare information to STRS Ohio through your Online Personal Account.*