



Medicare Checklist

3 Months Before Your 65th Birth Month

- Contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) and apply for Medicare Parts A and B online by visiting www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare or by phone at (800) 772-1213. Use the chart on the right to know when to apply.
- Establish how your Medicare Part B premium will be paid to the SSA. This premium is separate from your retirement insurance premium and cannot be deducted from your monthly benefit check.
- Verify your residential and mailing address with the SSA. If the SSA does not have your current address, you are required to update your address with the SSA while enrolling in Medicare Parts A and B. Your Medicare ID card will be issued to the address on file.
- Verify your residential and mailing address with your retirement system. **Your address on file with your retirement system must match the address on file with the SSA.** You may view or update your address with TRS by signing into your online TRS Member Account. Visit trsil.org and select Member Login.

If the SSA determines that you are not eligible for Medicare coverage:

- Request a statement of Medicare ineligibility from the SSA.

Birth Month	Month to Apply for Medicare
January	October
February	November
March	December
April	January
May	February
June	March
July	April
August	May
September	June
October	July
November	August
December	September

2 Months Before Your 65th Birth Month*

- Receive your Medicare Card or Statement of Medicare Ineligibility from SSA.
 - Make a legible copy of the front side of your Medicare card or ineligibility statement and send to TRS. If you are not currently enrolled, you also need to send TRS the Participation Election Form. **See reverse for submission instructions.**
- *Important:** If your birthdate is on the 1st of any month, you must elect coverage two months before your 65th birth month to avoid an interruption in coverage. See below on how to complete the enrollment process.

1 Month Before Your 65th Birth Month

- Review the TRAIL Medicare Advantage Initial Enrollment Guide mailed to you from the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services and MyBenefits. You can also review the TRAIL materials online at MyBenefits.illinois.gov. Select the TRAIL MAPD Enrollment Information tile located on the home page.
- Choose a TRAIL MAPD plan.** You may elect your plan by visiting the website at MyBenefits.illinois.gov or by calling MyBenefits Service Center toll free at (844) 251-1777.

Note: The TRAIL MAPD plan will replace your current retirement insurance plan.

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Reminder

The TRAIL Program is specifically designed to cover members who are enrolled in Medicare.

You are eligible for TRAIL if you:

- are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B,
- live in the United States or U.S. territories,
- have no dependent on your current plan/do not plan to cover a dependent on your plan or cover a dependent who is also enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B.

Important: If your residential or mailing address changes, you must notify both your retirement system and the SSA as quickly as possible. **Your address must be the same at both places.** You may view or update your address with TRS by signing into your online TRS Member Account. Visit trsil.org and select Member Login.

2 Ways to Submit Documentation to TRS

1. Upload through your TRS Member Account (preferred method)

If you already have a member account setup, follow these steps:

- Visit trsil.org, select **Member Login**.
- After login, select **Member Services** on left navigation bar, then select **Document Upload**.
- Select **Other Document** from the list and complete your upload.

2. Mail

Make a copy of the required documentation and mail to TRS using the following address.

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PO BOX 19253
SPRINGFIELD IL 62794-9253



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