



Open Enrollment for Medicare Happening Now!

For seniors interested in applying for Medicare (Parts A, B, and/or D) or changing their existing plan(s), open enrollment is **October 15, 2018 thru December 7, 2018** for the upcoming year. Open enrollment only happens once a year, so now is the time to take advantage!

Anyone who is 65 or older (or younger based upon certain disabilities), or has end-stage Renal Disease may apply for Medicare. Medicare comes in three parts and covers the following:

1) Part A - Hospital Insurance

Includes inpatient hospital stays, care in a skilled nursing facility, hospice care and some home health care

2) Part B – Medical Insurance

Includes certain doctors' services, outpatient care, medical supplies and preventative services

3) Part D – Prescription drug coverage

Adds prescription drug coverage to Original Medicare, some Medical Cost Plans, some Medicare private-fee-for-service plans, and Medicare Medical Savings Account Plans.

For more information on Medicare plans and determining which one(s) work best for you, contact **Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)** or **Alaska's Medicare information office at (907)269-3680**. Medicare experts are able to describe the various plans available in Alaska and can complete your application over the phone. To help ensure a smooth phone call, be sure to have the following information ready:

- For those already enrolled: your red, white and blue Medicare card (these typically include your Social Security number followed by an A or a B. For example, 123-45-6789A). The new Medicare cards currently being distributed with updated identifier will also be sufficient.
- Your Date of Birth
- For questions related to Part D, a list of the prescription drugs and the dosage of the medications that you are currently taking.

For additional information online, check out the following links:

[Official U.S. Government Medicare Site](#)

[Social Security Medicare Benefits & online application](#)