

# Medicare Checklist

## 4-6 Months before you retire:

- ✓ Confirm your eligibility for Medicare benefits (Contact Social Security or Railroad Benefits)
- ✓ Contact your HR department or current insurer to see what happens when you become Medicare-eligible
- ✓ Learn about Medicare, so you understand parts A, B, C (Advantage), D, and Medigap
- ✓ **Attend a Medicare Class!**
- ✓ Compare costs of each part (premiums, deductibles, copays and coinsurance)
- ✓ Review enrollment dates
- ✓ Enroll on time to avoid penalties and delays in coverage
- ✓ Set a reminder on your calendar to enroll!

## 1-3 Months before:

- ✓ Enroll in Part A
- ✓ Enroll in Part B, if you are continuing to work, it may not be your best option to enroll at this time
- ✓ Confirm receipt of Medicare card.
- ✓ **Talk to a SHICK Counselor to get detailed information about plans.**
- ✓ Make your decision between part C (Advantage) OR Part D and a Medigap (Supplement) plan
- ✓ Learn how to use your Medicare.

SHICK offers free, unbiased Medicare counseling and education related to all parts of Medicare.

## Annual Medicare Check-up

**October 15- December 7**

- Review your Part D or Medicare Advantage Plan coverage on Medicare.gov
- Make sure the plan you are enrolled in is saving you the most money and covers the prescription drugs you take.
- Coverage changes every year!
- There is **no penalty** to change your Part D or Advantage Plan every year to cover your needs.
- **Talk to a SHICK Counselor to get detailed information about which plans can save you the most money**

## Contact Information

### **Social Security Administration**

3216 N Cyprus  
Wichita, Kansas 67226  
(866)931-9173  
[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

### **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS)**

1(800) MEDICARE (633-4227)  
[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

### **Kansas Department of Insurance**

(402) 471-2201  
[www.ksinsurance.org/medicare](http://www.ksinsurance.org/medicare)

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