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Behavioral Programs and Counseling Services
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Medicare

What is Medicare?

Medicare is a national health insurance program in the United States, begun in 1965 under the Social Security Administration and now administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. [Wikipedia](#)

Medicare is health coverage for people who are:

1. Age 65 and older
2. Under age 65 with disabilities
3. Any age with End-Stage Renal Disease
4. Any age w/ Lou Gehrig's Disease

Medicare is broken into "Distinct" parts:

Part A (Hospital Insurance):

Covers hospital stays, some care in skilled nursing facilities, some home care, and hospice. No fee.

Part B (Medical Insurance):

Covers medically necessary services like doctor's visits, preventive services, and medical equipment. There is a fee, but you may qualify for assistance to cover the cost.

Part C (Medicare Advantage):

Not available in AK.

Part D (Medicare Prescription Drug Plan):

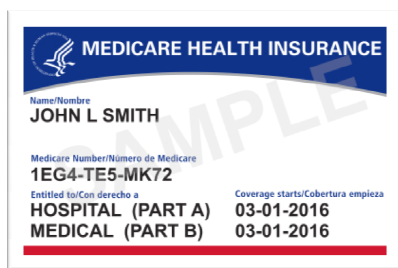
Offers prescription drug coverage to everyone with Medicare. There is a fee, but you may qualify for assistance to cover the cost.

Potential Cost Assistance:

You may be eligible for programs to help pay for prescriptions and the monthly Part B premium. For people with limited incomes, Medicare can cover up to 75 percent of medication costs.

When to sign up:

Parts A, B, and D: When you turn 65, you have a seven-month initial enrollment period: the three months before your birthday month, your birthday month, and three months after your birthday month (not everyone needs Part D). Below is what your Medicare card looks like.



For questions or assistance, on how to enroll for Medicare or how you may be eligible to receive help to pay for prescriptions and **Medicare Part B**, please contact Dot Lake Village's Health Benefits Specialists.

You can also contact the Medicare Information Office at 1-800-478-6065 in Alaska, (907) 269-3680, or email hss.medicare@alaska.gov.

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