

4-6 Months before your month of eligibility:

- ✓ Confirm your eligibility for Medicare benefits.
 - Contact the Social Security Administration
(Railroad retirees contact the Railroad Retirement Board)
- ✓ Review your current health insurance to see what happens after you become eligible for Medicare
 - Contact your HR Department or current insurer
- ✓ Find out what Medicare covers and the different options for coverage
 - Contact SHICK or attend a local New to Medicare or Medicare Basics program

3 months before your month of eligibility:

The following steps MAY not be necessary for everyone

- ✓ Decide which Medicare option is best for you
 - Contact SHICK or attend a local New to Medicare or Medicare Basics program
- ✓ Check with your doctor(s) to see if they accept the different types of Medicare coverage
 - Contact your providers and local hospitals

1-3 months before your month of eligibility:

The following steps MAY not be necessary for everyone

- ✓ Enroll in Medicare A and B
 - Contact your local Social Security office or enroll online
 - If you are continuing work, enrolling in Part B may not be your best option
- ✓ Enroll in a Medicare Supplement Plan OR a Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan
 - You only need one of these options. Do NOT enroll in both a Supplement and MA plan
 - Medigap (supplement) enrollment with insurance agent
 - Medicare Advantage plan enroll online, insurance agent, or contact SHICK for assistance
- ✓ Enroll in a Part D Prescription Drug Plan
 - Enroll online or contact SHICK for assistance
 - If you are enrolled in a MA plan that includes drug coverage, do not enroll in a Part D plan

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Medicare Resources Online

Social Security

<https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/>

Kansas Department of Insurance Shopper Guide

<http://www.ksinsurance.org/consumers/medicare.htm>

Medicare and You Handbook

www.medicare.gov under resources

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/MedicareGenInfo/index>

Medicare Resources In-Person/ Phone

Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansans

Southwind Extension District -Allen, Bourbon, Neosho,
and Woodson Counties

Joy Miller

joymiller@ksu.edu or 620-223-3720

Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging

1 W. Ash, PO Box J

Chanute, KS 66720

Phone: 620-431-2980

Ask for SHICK counseling

Social Security Administration

National Phone Number 1-800-772-1213

120 S. Commerce Dr

Nevada, MO 64772

Call 1-888-808-5441 for an appointment.

2125 N Pennsylvania Ave., Suite A

Independence, KS 67301

Call 1-877-512-3855 for an appointment

Other Resources

Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs Office

Ryan Knop

201 N. Pennsylvania Ave.

Independence, KS 67301

620-331-0540

ryan.knop@ks.gov

KanCare (Medicaid)

kancare.ks.gov

1-800-792-4884

