

MEDICARE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHERE DO I APPLY FOR MEDICARE?

Apply online. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/apply.html and follow the instruction on the site. You can apply in as little as 10 minutes. You may also apply in person at your local Social Security office. Call (800) 772-1213 to find out where your nearest location is and to make an appointment.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY FOR MEDICARE?

You are eligible for Medicare on your 65th Birthday. The social security department will allow you to apply for Medicare up to 90 days prior to your 65th Birthday. If you apply too soon, you will be asked to apply at a later date.

WHAT PARTS OF MEDICARE SHOULD I APPLY FOR?

In order for CalPERS to coordinate your District benefits with your Medicare benefits, you must apply for Parts A & B of Medicare only. If you need any other parts, CalPERS will subscribe you to them. Everyone pays for Part B. If you paid into Medicare while you were working, you will qualify to receive Part A free of charge.

OK, I RECEIVED MY MEDICARE CARD... NOW WHAT?

Once you have your Medicare card, you will want to notify CalPERS. You should receive a letter in the mail from CalPERS reminding you to apply for Medicare. It will also contain a form called the "Certification of Medicare Status." Fill this form out and return it to CalPERS. CalPERS will then adjust your premium and you are all set.

IS THAT IT?

Once again, you will be paying for Part B. CalSTRS is happy to deduct you monthly Part B premium from your CalSTRS disbursement each month so you don't have to worry about it. If you would like for CalSTRS to do this, you will have to fill out the form called "Medicare Premium Payment Authorization Form." This form is optional.

That's it!

HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.medicare.gov
(800) 772-1213

CALPERS

www.calpers.ca.gov
888 CalPERS
(or 888-225-7377)
M-F 8AM-5PM

CALSTRS

www.calstrs.com
(800) 228-5453
or (916) 414-1099
M-F 7AM-6PM

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRUST FUND AND/OR HEALTHCARE REIMBURSEMENTS?

COAST BENEFITS, INC.

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