



How to Apply Online for Medicare Only

It's so easy! Go to www.ssa.gov

Welcome to the Social Security Benefit Application

- Start your new Medicare application by selecting "Sign up for Medicare."
- On the next page, select "Apply online."
- Review and agree to the Terms of Service, then click "Next."
- On the next screen, select "Start a new application."

Create or sign in to your personal *my* Social Security account

Once you start a new application online, you will be directed to create or sign in to your personal *my* Social Security account. You will need a valid email address to create your account. All new *my* Social Security customers will create a credential with one of our two credential partners, Login.gov or ID.me. If you don't have a Login.gov or ID.me account, select the "Create an Account"

link to start this one-time registration process. If you create a new Login.gov credential, we will still complete the identity verification part. You will need to provide some personal information to us.

If you are unable to create a personal *my* Social Security account, you can continue your application online. We will contact you when we receive and review your application.

Re-entry Number

If you signed in to your personal *my* Social Security account when you began your claim, you will be able to save and exit your application after the Re-entry Number screen. You can return to your application by signing in to your personal *my* Social Security account.

If you started your application without creating a personal *my* Social Security account, you may want to print your re-entry number so you can quickly continue a saved application later.

Apply for Benefits

Identification | General | Other Benefits | Remarks & Options | Review & Sign

You must print this page or write down the re-entry number.

Re-entry Number: 35467647

If something causes you to exit or you choose to save and return at a later time, you must use this number to continue your saved application process.

If you lose your re-entry number, sign in to your *my* Social Security account, or register for an account, to view your re-entry number. Social Security employees will never ask for your re-entry number, or will have access to it. This is to protect your privacy.

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Things you should know about your application

We may use 03/14/2021 as the official date of your application for Medicare coverage. In order to use 03/14/2021, we must receive the signed application by 09/15/2021 or you may lose Medicare coverage.

If any of these dates fall on weekend or federal holiday, we must receive the signed application by the following business day.

[Next](#) [Previous](#) [Save & Exit](#)

Information We Will Request About You

- Name.
- Social Security number.
- Date of birth.
- Gender.

Apply for Benefits

Information About Applicant

Applicant's Name:
Please provide the name as it appears on the most recent Social Security card.

First Middle Last Suffix

Social Security Number (SSN):

_____-_____-_____-_____-_____-_____-

Date of Birth:

Month Day Year

Gender:
☐ Male ☐ Female

Medicare-only Decision

Choose to sign up for Medicare only and delay filing for retirement benefits.

Because of your age, you can use the application to sign up for Medicare only (no monthly retirement benefits) or Medicare and monthly retirement benefits.

The screenshot shows the 'Social Security' website header with the logo and tagline 'The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration'. Below is the 'Apply for Benefits' section with tabs for Identification, General, Other Benefits, Remarks & Options, and Review & Sign. The 'Identification' tab is active, showing 'Medicare Information for Joan Public'. A question asks: 'Do you wish to apply for Medicare ONLY, but not for monthly retirement cash benefits?' with radio buttons for 'Things to Consider' (selected), 'Yes', and 'No'. A sidebar on the right lists 'In this section...' with links for Applicant Information, Contact Information, Birth and Citizenship, Medicare Information, Re-entry Number, and Other SSNs and Names. 'Next' and 'Previous' buttons are at the bottom.

Other Information We Need

- Group health plan.
- Employment.
- Health insurance.

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Finishing Your Application

- Go over the summary of your application for accuracy.
- Accept the agreement and sign your application by selecting the "Submit Now" button.
- Get a receipt for your application.
- Review information about what to do next.

The screenshot shows the 'Electronic Signature Agreement' page. It begins with a congratulatory message: 'Congratulations, you're just about ready to complete your application for Medicare insurance.' This is followed by a paragraph asking the user to read and accept the statement. Then, it states: 'I apply for all insurance benefits for which I may be eligible under Part A (and Part B, if applicable) of Title XVIII (Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled) of the Social Security Act as presently amended.' Below this is a paragraph where the user agrees to sign electronically. Another paragraph states: 'I understand that I must apply separately to get monthly Social Security benefits.' A declaration follows: 'I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this application and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge...' A checkbox for 'I agree with the Electronic Signature Agreement above.' is shown. A yellow warning box states: 'You will no longer be able to change this information once you continue.' Below this, a note says: 'When you select "Submit Now" below, you will be sending this completed information electronically to the Social Security Administration. Please make sure that everything is correct.' At the bottom are 'Submit Now', 'Previous', and 'Save & Exit' buttons.

Contacting Us

The most convenient way to do business with us is to visit www.ssa.gov to get information and use our online services. There are several things you can do online: apply for most types of benefits; start or complete your request for an original or replacement Social Security card; find publications; and get answers to frequently asked questions.

Or, you can call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** or at **1-800-325-0778** (TTY) if you're deaf or hard of hearing. We can answer your call from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays. We provide free interpreter services upon request. For quicker access to a representative, try calling early in the day (between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. local time) or later in the day. **We are less busy later in the week (Wednesday to Friday) and later in the month.** You can also use our automated services via telephone, 24 hours a day, so you do not need to speak with a representative.



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