

# How to Apply Online for Medicare Only

## Medicare-only Selection

These are the steps for applying for Medicare only. If you do not wish to file for retirement, these steps are for you.

\*You can use the application to sign up for Medicare only (no monthly retirement benefits) **or** Medicare and monthly retirement benefits.

### Go to [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

- 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 select "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 the two credential service providers. 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.

You will be asked for personal information:

- Name • Social Security number
- Date of Birth • Gender

Additional information they will need:

- Group health plan • Employment
- Other Health Insurance

## Re-entry Number

You will be able to save and exit your application after the "Re-entry Number" screen.

*Don't worry. You won't miss it!*

I encourage printing or writing down your re-entry number. This will let you return quickly to continue a saved application later.

## 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.

## Contacting Social Security Administration

**Online:** The most convenient way to do business with SSA is to visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) to get information and use their online services. There are several things you can do online: apply for benefits; start or complete your request for an original or replacement Social Security card; get useful information; find publications; and get answers to frequently asked questions.

**By phone:** You can call SSA toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 or at 1-800-325-0778 (TTY) if you're deaf or hard of hearing. They answer phones from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays.

You can also use the automated services via telephone, 24 hours a day, if you do not need to speak with a representative.

**In-person:** You can always visit a local Social Security Office if you would like to discuss your needs in person.



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