



Medicare Eligibility Criteria Explained

Understand the requirements for Medicare eligibility and benefits today!

AGE & RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Age 65 or Older

- Most people become eligible for Medicare at age 65.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent legal resident who has lived in the United States for at least five continuous years.

Under 65

- You may qualify if you have a qualifying disability or specific medical conditions.

DISABILITY & SPECIAL CASES

Disability

- People under 65 qualify for Medicare after 24 months of SSDI benefits.
- Those with specific disabilities like ALS qualify immediately for Medicare upon receiving SSDI.

End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

- Individuals with permanent kidney failure needing dialysis or a transplant can qualify at any age.

QUICK CHECKLIST



Are you 65 or older?



Are you a U.S. Citizen or a permanent legal resident for 5+ years



Have you received SSDI for at least 24 months?



Do you have ALS or ESRD?

If you answered “yes” to any of these, you may be eligible for Medicare!

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