

# PLANNING FOR MEDICARE FOR RETIREES AND EMERITI

Transitioning into a Medicare plan at the time of an open enrollment period or a qualifying event must occur at age 65. It is highly recommended to begin the planning process three months prior to one's 65th birthday to avoid any delays in paperwork or monetary penalties. Listed below are supportive resources and key contacts to help retirees and emeriti get started. Please note that Medicare plans and information may change from year to year and it is important to get up to date information by visiting the UCnet website at: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/>.

## RESOURCES

### UCnet - Medical Plans

Information on Medicare plans for retirees and emeriti living inside and outside of California is included on this webpage at: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/health-plans/medical/index.html>.

### UCnet – Frequently Asked Questions about Medicare

Listed on this webpage are some of the most common questions about Medicare and how it works with UC-sponsored plans and answers are provided at: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/health-plans/medical/medicare/medicare-faqs.html>.

### UCnet – What to do if You're Enrolling in Medicare

Six steps are provided to help retirees and emeriti know what to consider when enrolling in Medicare which can be viewed at: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/roadmaps/medicare.html>.

### Medicare.gov – Get Started with Medicare

Learn about the basics of Medicare and how Social Security plays into the medical plans at: <https://www.medicare.gov/basics/get-started-with-medicare>.

### UCnet – Medicare Coordinator Program, Via Benefits

Medicare-eligible retirees, emeriti and families who live outside of California will need to transition to Via Benefits and information on this program can be viewed at: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/health-plans/medical/medicare/medicare-exchange.html>.

### UCR Human Resources – Medicare Retirees Matrix

Overview of Medicare plans available for retirees and emeriti can be viewed at: <https://hr.ucr.edu/document/medicare-retirees-matrix>.

### UCnet – Medicare Fact Sheet

This fact sheet covers the basics of Medicare, how it works with UC-sponsored medical plans, coverage comparisons and can be viewed at: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/medicare-factsheet.pdf>.

## KEY CONTACTS

**UCR Health Care Facilitator** – UCR's Healthcare Facilitator can assist with Medicare questions and provide the required UBEN forms to transfer medical coverage to a comparable Medicare plan at (951) 827-2636 or [benefits@ucr.edu](mailto:benefits@ucr.edu)

**RASC** – Retirement Administration Services Center is the central location for UC retirement information and can be reached at (800) 888-8267 or <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/contacts/rasc.html>

**Social Security Office** – Social Security is an important contact for the Medicare enrollment process and can be reached at (800) 772-1213 or <https://www.ssa.gov/>

**Medicare** – Contact Medicare directly with any questions and speak with a team member at 1 (800) 633-4227 (TTY 1-(877) 486-2048) or <https://www.medicare.gov/talk-to-someone>

**Via Benefits** – Retirees and Emeriti living outside of California will need to transition to the Medicare Coordinator Program administered by Via Benefits and they can be reached at (855) 359-7381 or <https://www.thegrooveviabenefits.com/>

**UC RAYS** – UC Retirement At Your Service is a self-service portal for UC retirees and emeriti to access their retirement account and send secure messaging by logging into their account at <https://retirementatyour.service.ucop.edu/UCRAYS/Account/LoginE?ReturnUrl=%2fUCRAYS>



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