

Check off list for joining Medicare:

- Contact Social Security approximately 3 months prior to turning age 65 to enroll in Medicare Parts A & B. Say NO to Part D, which is prescription drug coverage through Social Security (you will have prescription drug coverage if you choose the Medex supplement from the City of Lawrence).
- If you are NOT ELIGIBLE for Medicare Parts A and/or B, obtain PROOF of ineligibility from Social Security and mail it to Human Resources (even if you are not eligible under your OWN Social Security account, if you are married (or divorced), you may be eligible for Medicare A & B under your spouse's (or ex-spouse's) Social Security account).
- Ask your doctor if he/she accepts Medicare AND Medex.
- Renew existing prescriptions prior to change.
- Receive copy of new Medicare card in mail, send copy to the city benefits office and GIC. Please note that Social Security decides your "effective date" for Medicare Parts A & B (the Retirement Office cannot provide you with this information).
- Obtain new written prescriptions from your doctor for coverage after your Medicare A & B becomes effective (**no longer Express Scripts for mail-order drugs—you will use CVS/Caremark**). You will have to mail in your new written prescriptions **AFTER** your effective date for Medicare.
- Contact GIC or the City Benefits office to sign up for the Medex supplement to your Medicare coverage.
- Effective when your Medicare A & B starts:
—Start carrying NEW medical Identification cards—
 1. Medicare card
 2. Medex supplemental card from GIC
 3. CVS Caremark card

IMPORTANT:

Once you are enrolled in Medicare and the City Supplemental - do not enroll in outside plans as this will terminate your insurance through GIC