

2021 RETIREMENT CALENDAR CHECKLIST

✓ Your guide to staying on track!

Use this calendar checklist to look ahead throughout the year and track important deadlines that must be met or actions taken regarding your finances and healthcare.

Questions? Just give us a call and we'll be glad to help. *Note: No deadlines in May, July, or August.*

JANUARY

1st: Medicare Advantage Disenrollment Period begins
*ends Feb. 14th**

1st: Medicare General Enrollment Period begins
*ends Mar. 31st***

15th: Pay your estimated taxes for Q4, 2019 by this date

FEBRUARY

1st-14th: Medicare Advantage Disenrollment Period deadline*

1st-28th: Medicare General Enrollment Period continues**

Start organizing your 2019 taxes

MARCH

1st-31st: Medicare General Enrollment Period deadline**

8th: Turn your clocks ahead!

APRIL

15th: File your taxes or apply for an extension

15th: Pay your estimated taxes for Q1

JUNE

15th: Pay your Q2 estimated taxes

20th: Longest day of the year, enjoy Summer!

SEPTEMBER

15th: Pay your Q3 estimated taxes

Begin Final Quarter Tasks

OCTOBER

15th: Medicare Advantage and drug plan open enrollment starts
ends Dec. 7th.

Review current drug plan against 2022 plans:
[Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)

15th: Last day to undo a Roth IRA conversion

NOVEMBER

1st-30th: Medicare Advantage and drug plan open enrollment continues

1st: ACA open enrollment starts
ends Dec. 15th

7th: Turn your clocks back!

DECEMBER

1st-7th: Medicare Advantage and drug plan open enrollment closes

1st-15th: ACA open enrollment closes

31st: Last day for stocks, RMDs, itemized deductions, gifts to count for 2020 taxes

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FINAL QUARTER TASKS

- Project income for 2021 and 2022
- Review unrealized investment gains and losses
- Collect cost-basis information on sold investments
- Review sales of appreciated property
- Review potential credits and deductions
- Track donations to charity
- Take required minimum distribution
- Review Medicare enrollment options
- Review and fund trusts
- Contribute to college education accounts or gift cash to family
- Review any gifting plans

BIRTHDAY MILESTONES

Age 55: Penalty-free distributions allowed from 401k if retired

Age 55: **Start to consider Roth Conversion**

Age 59^{1/2}: Penalty-free distributions allowed from IRAs and qualified plans, and Roth IRAs at least 5 years old

Age 62: Can apply for early Social Security under own earnings record (benefits reduced)

Age 65: Apply for Medicare (Parts A and B) beginning 3 months before your birthday

- Coverage begins the 1st of the month you turn 65
- If you are employed/covered by other insurance, you can enroll any time after 65
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Age 70: Apply for Social Security to get maximum benefits. Apply now or lose benefit

ANNUAL REVIEW

- Review and update health care directive, health care proxy, power of attorney, will, and trusts
- Review estate plan and letter of intent
- Adjust investment portfolio as retirement needs change
- Review beneficiaries on all pensions, IRAs, annuities, life insurance, investments, bank accounts, CDs, etc.
- Decide which trusts can save on current taxes, reduce estate taxes, and benefit heirs and charities
- Discuss potential gifting to families or charities

*If you are in your first year of Medicare and took a Medicare Advantage plan, or you switched from a Medigap plan to try Medicare Advantage, you can leave your Medicare Advantage plan now through February 14th and switch to original Medicare.

** If you missed your Initial Enrollment Period or Special Enrollment Period, use this chance to sign up for Medicare Parts A & B. Coverage will start July 1st.