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New Health Insurance Tip Sheets Help People Turning 65 Navigate Transition Period and Avoid Lifelong Penalties

Choosing health care coverage when turning 65 can not only be extremely difficult, wrong decisions can result in lifelong penalties and inadequate coverage.

AgeOptions and the Make Medicare Work Coalition (MMW) have created tip sheets to help consumers understand their options and navigate this critical transition period to ensure they get the health care benefits they need.

The tip sheets, available in English and Spanish, are on the AgeOptions website: http://www.ageoptions.org/services-and-programs_ConsumerMaterials.html. They are currently available in the following topics. More topics will be developed and posted on the website later this year.

Turning 65 - What You Need to Know

Reviews health coverage options for people who are turning 65 and what they need to know once they become eligible for Medicare.

How to Enroll in Medicare and Pay Your Premiums

Explains how to enroll in Medicare, when a beneficiary's coverage will begin, and how to pay for Medicare premiums if the individual does not receive Social Security, Railroad Retirement Board or Civil Service benefit payments.



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Turning 65 with Employer Insurance

Provides an overview of what individuals with health coverage through an employer need to know once they turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare.

Turning 65: Marketplace to Medicare

Explains whether and when someone with a health insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace should transition into Medicare.

Flow Chart: Coverage Options for People Age 65 and Older

Can be used to assist consumers to determine what type of health coverage they are eligible for – Medicare, Medicaid or coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. This flow chart is currently available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish.

Additional tip sheets will be developed in 2016, so AgeOptions recommends that consumers bookmark the webpage above and stay tuned as more resources become available.