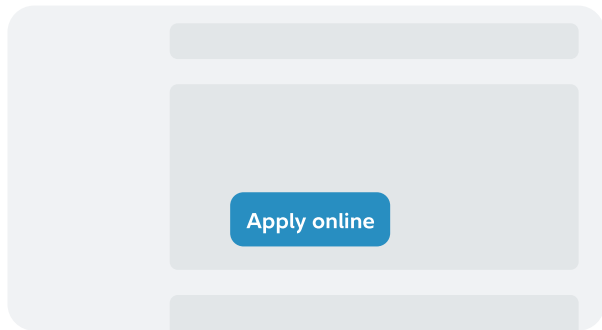


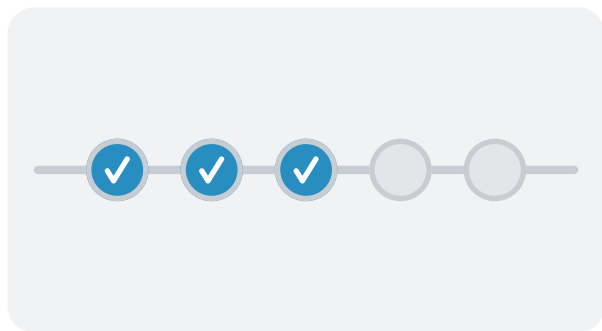
## 1. Create an SSA online account

If you don't have a Social Security online account yet, go to [SSA.gov](https://www.ssa.gov) and click on the blue **Sign In** button on the top right-hand side of the screen. From here, you can create an account.



## 2. Sign up for Part A only

Go to the [Sign up for Medicare page](#) on SSA.gov and choose **Apply online**. Answer **no** on your application when asked if you want to enroll in Part B (you'll be enrolled in Part A by default). To do this step over the phone instead, call SSA at 800-772-1213.



## 3. Check the status of your application

You can start to check the status of your application 5–7 days after submitting it. Sign into your SSA account to see the status.



## 4. Find your benefit verification letter

After your application is approved, go to the benefit verification letter in your SSA online account. This letter has your new Medicare number on it and information about your Medicare hospital coverage. Your physical Medicare card should arrive in the mail within 2–3 weeks.

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