



YOU MAY BE **Eligible for Medicare** *before You Turn 65*

As a valued HealthLink member, we want to make sure you're aware of all of the resources available to help control your health care costs.

You may be eligible for Medicare before you turn 65 if you meet one of these guidelines:

- ✓ Have received Social Security disability benefits (SSDI) for at least two years
- ✓ Have been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, also called Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) **AND** are starting to receive SSDI
- ✓ Have been diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) **AND** have been on dialysis for three months **OR** have had a kidney transplant

You Can Also Keep Your Current Plan

If you meet these requirements and are eligible for Medicare, you may be able keep your current HealthLink health plan while you receive Medicare benefits.

You Must Apply

Because Medicare eligibility rules are complex, it is recommended that you call Social Security at **800-772-1213**, or visit your local Social Security office, to get the most accurate information regarding your particular situation. You can also apply for Medicare online at www.ssa.gov.

Questions?

You can call HealthLink Customer Service at **800-624-2356**.

If you have ALS or ESRD and are not enrolled in HealthLink Case Management, call **877-284-0102** to enroll. Our Case Managers can help you navigate the health care system and offer added support when you need it.