Checklist: Things to Do Before You Become Uninsurable

1. Secure Life Insurance Coverage

Purchase a whole life or final expense policy while healthy

Consider adding a guaranteed insurability rider if available

Avoid temporary (term) coverage if you expect declining health

2. Lock In Health-Based Financial Products

Apply for long-term care insurance or hybrid life/LTC plans

Look into critical illness or cancer policies

Enroll in a Medicare Supplement (before health disqualifies you)

3. Get Your Legal Affairs in Order

Create or update your Last Will & Testament

Draft a Durable Power of Attorney

Assign a Healthcare Proxy / Advance Directive

4. Organize Financial Information

List all bank accounts, assets, and debts

Make a folder with insurance policies, pensions, and retirement accounts

Name and inform a trusted beneficiary or executor

5. Talk With Your Family

Discuss your wishes for care, burial, or cremation

Explain where documents are kept

Be honest about what insurance you do or do not have

6. Make a Final Expense Plan

Get quotes and secure a final expense policy

Pre-plan funeral or cremation services if possible

Set aside money or make arrangements for immediate death-related costs

7. Take Care of Your Mind and Body

Schedule annual checkups and stay compliant with care

Maintain healthy lifestyle habits to avoid preventable conditions

Act before a diagnosis disqualifies you from affordable coverage