

Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease



Benefits of the Medicare Pilot Program

The Medicare Pilot Program provides coverage for items or services not covered by Medicare. Examples of coverage in the Medicare Pilot Program are home assistance, noncovered medical equipment, transportation costs to medical appointments, nutrition supplements (such as Ensure, Boost, vitamins or over the counter medications prescribed by your doctor), services not covered by Medicare Part A or Part B, or prescriptions not covered by your drug plan.

Requirements to Enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program

In order to enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program, you must reside in Lincoln or Flathead County, and have Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) due to an environmental health hazard.

How to Enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program

Step One

Sign/complete forms

You can sign forms at CARD, or you may call Social Security to get the forms mailed to you, or sign the forms at the Kalispell Social Security office.

- EHH – Environmental Health Hazard Checklist. Complete the yellow highlighted sections of the form.
 - Consent form - Releases information to Social Security to verify you have an asbestos related disease.
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Step Two

Call Social Security

If you completed the EHH and consent forms at CARD, call Social Security at 888-482-3128 and let them know you have an asbestos related disease and you signed the forms at CARD. *If you signed the forms through Social Security, you do not need to complete this step.*

Step Three

Wait for a letter from Social Security, then call Noridian

Social Security will send you a letter that says you have been exposed to an environmental health hazard. Call Noridian at 888-469-9464 and let them know you received the letter from Social Security and you want to enroll in the Pilot Program.

Noridian will send you an acceptance letter that says you are enrolled in the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease. Save this letter as proof you are in the Medicare Pilot Program. You will not receive an insurance type card. Your effective date of the Pilot Program is stated in this letter.

Which Situation Fits You?

Choose from the four different situations below that best fits you and follow the steps. You are:

1. Enrolled in Medicare Based on an Environmental Health Hazard (EHH) Exposure, and Have Medicare Part A and Part B

- Call Noridian to enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease.

2. Enrolled in Medicare Based on an Environmental Health Hazard (EHH) Exposure, and Have Medicare Part A But Do Not Have Medicare Part B

- Call Social Security at 888-482-3128 to enroll in Medicare Part B.
 - Special enrollment period will allow you to enroll in Part B without waiting for the annual enrollment period. This special enrollment period ends June 30, 2012.
- After enrolling in Medicare Part B, contact Noridian at 888-469-9464 to enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program.

3. Enrolled in Medicare Based on Age, Disability or End Stage Renal Disease and Have an Asbestos Related Disease

- Complete forms in one of the following three ways:
 - 1) Sign the forms at CARD, **or**
 - 2) Call Social Security at 888-482-3128 to get the forms mailed to you, **or**
 - 3) Sign the forms at the Kalispell Social Security office.If you sign the forms at CARD, be sure to call Social Security and let them know you have an asbestos related disease and signed the forms at CARD.
- After you receive a letter from Social Security that says you have been affected by an environmental health hazard, call Noridian at 888-469-9464 to enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program.
**If you do not have Medicare Part B, call Social Security at 888-482-3128 to enroll in Medicare Part B. Then call Noridian to enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program.

4. Not Enrolled in Medicare But Have an Asbestos Related Disease Due to an Environmental Health Hazard (EHH) Exposure

- Call Social Security at 888-482-3128 and tell them you want to enroll in Medicare Part A and Part B because you have been affected by an environmental health hazard.
- After you receive a letter from Social Security that says you have been affected by an environmental health hazard, call Noridian at 888-469-9464 to enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program.

Medicare Pilot Program Effective Date: The effective date that benefits start for the Medicare Pilot Program is the first of the month after the date you contact Noridian to ask to be enrolled in the Medicare Pilot Program. This effective date may differ from the EHH designation date established by Social Security.

EHH Effective Date: The EHH is established by Social Security and is effective the first of the month after you contact Social Security.

Medicare Costs: Medicare Part A – most people do not pay a monthly premium; Medicare Part B – most people pay a monthly premium of \$99.90; Medicare Advantage Plans – varies by plan; Medicare Pilot Program - no cost