

# MEDICARE PILOT PROGRAM FOR ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE



## Beneficiary Guide

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## Overview of Program

The Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease is a program for certain people with Medicare who reside in Lincoln and Flathead counties in Montana. Individuals entitled to Medicare based on an environmental health hazard (EHH) exposure are eligible to participate in the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease. The purpose of the Pilot Program is to provide medically necessary items or services not normally covered by Medicare.

Examples of services or items which may be covered under the Pilot Program:

- Home assistance services
- Medical equipment Medicare does not cover
- Reimbursement for travel to receive medical care
- Special counseling
- Nutritional supplements
- Prescription drugs not covered by Medicare drug plans

Coverage under the Pilot Program is based on your individual needs. **Prior approval of services or items is recommended.** Contact Noridian at 888-469-9464.



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## How to Enroll in the Pilot Program

Before you can enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program, certain eligibility criteria need to be met. You must:

- Have Medicare Part A and Part B
- Reside in Lincoln or Flathead County
- Have Medicare due to Exposure to Environmental Health Hazards (EHH)

Even if you have had Medicare due to age, disability or ESRD, you will need to enroll in Medicare under the EHH provision. This can be completed by calling Social Security at 888-482-3128. You may also start the process by signing a consent form at CARD. Once you receive a letter from Social Security stating you have Medicare under the EHH, call Noridian at 888-469-9464 to enroll in the Pilot Program.

Once you call us to enroll in the Pilot Program, you will receive a letter which provides enrollment information. Keep this letter for your files as you will not receive an "insurance" card. If we are unable to enroll you in the Pilot Program, your letter will indicate eligibility requirements that were not met and provide instruction on steps to take.

## Special Enrollment Period for Part B or Part D

For individuals who have Medicare because of EHH, but do not have Part B or Part D, there is a Special Enrollment Period to allow individuals who live in the Pilot Program area to enroll without waiting for the annual enrollment period. This is a one-time Special Enrollment Period which ends June 30, 2012. Late enrollment penalties will not be assessed to those whose enroll in Part B or Part D during this time. Once this Special Enrollment Period is over, you must wait until the yearly enrollment periods to enroll in Part B or Part D.

You can participate in the pilot program without having a Part D plan, but you will not receive drug coverage in the Pilot Program.

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*Special Enrollment Period  
ends June 30, 2012*

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### **Important information:**

For those enrolled in Flash II, it is very important to know your coverage situation and options when funding for Flash II ends. Those wishing to enroll in the Pilot Program must have Part A and Part B prior to enrollment. Part D is optional.

Enrollment in the Pilot Program does not take effect until the first of the following month from the date you call Noridian to enroll in the Pilot Program.



## Claims

Most providers who you receive services from will submit claims to Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, or other insurance that is primary to Medicare for you. It is important to inform providers of your coverage under the Pilot Program.

If your coverage is through a Medicare Advantage Plan or other insurance, in order for the Pilot Program to review a service or item for payment, an Explanation of Benefits from your Medicare Advantage Plan or insurance must be submitted with the claim form. It is your responsibility to submit the claim to the Pilot Program if the provider does not submit the claim for you.

For items or services for which you paid for personally, such as home assistance services, gym memberships, or medical supplies purchased from a pharmacy or store, a claim may be submitted to the Pilot Program. A receipt for services or items purchased needs to be submitted along with the claim.

Copies of claim forms can be obtained by calling Noridian or printing from our website. For any questions regarding claim submission, contact Noridian at 888-469-9464.

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*Reminder, the Pilot Program  
does not cover balances  
remaining due to deductible,  
co-pay or co-insurance.*

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## Website

Information about the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease can be found on our website at [www.noridianmedicare.com/ard](http://www.noridianmedicare.com/ard). Click on the link on the left hand navigation bar titled Beneficiary. Information which can be found on our website:

- Enrollment information
- Claim information including printable claim forms and instructions
- View answers to most common questions asked
- View Schedule of Events
- Resources available including agencies that can help you with your insurance coverage, Medicare resources and contact information.



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Under a pilot program established by the Affordable Care Act, people from the Libby, Montana area, diagnosed with an asbestos related disease (ARD) may enroll for Medicare coverage. This pilot program is called the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease. This website provides information and resources for Medicare providers and beneficiaries participating in the pilot.

Noridian Administrative Services (NAS), the Medicare contractor for Part A, Part B and Durable Medical Equipment in Montana, will assume claims processing for this pilot program for medical items and services provided on or after July 1, 2011.

**What's New / Latest Updates** – read more

- Update on Transportation Services
- Clarification on Transportation Services – Rescinded

**Contact Center**

- 1-888-469-9464
- Monday – Friday  
8 am – 3 pm MT
- Closures
  - o 12/26/11
  - o 01/02/12

**E-mail Customer Service**

- [General Inquiries](#)

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## Schedule of Events

The Schedule of Events shows upcoming events NAS is holding for providers, suppliers or beneficiaries, as well as holiday closings.

<b>New Year's Holiday - Closed</b>	Jan. 2nd
<b>Provider/Beneficiary Visits</b>	Jan. 9 – 12
<b>Provider/Beneficiary Visits</b>	Feb. 6 – 9
<b>Provider/Beneficiary Visits</b>	Feb. 13 - 16
<b>Beneficiary Info Sessions</b>	Mar. 6 – 8

*Give us a call if you would like to set up a time to visit with us during specified dates for visits*

## Contact Information

<p><b>Phone</b> (888) 469-9464 8:00 - 3:00 p.m., MT</p>	<p><b>Fax</b> (888) 469-9464</p>
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