Beneficiary Information

Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease

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• Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease (MPPARD)
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Affordable Care Act: Section 10323

• Part I – Medicare Based on EHH Exposure
  • Extended Medicare eligibility to individuals based on EHH exposure
    • Individuals who have Medicare based on EHH may receive all services Medicare covers
  • Individuals entitled to Medicare receive Part A hospital coverage
  • May enroll in Part B to receive supplemental medical insurance
  • Eligibility began in April 2010
Part II – Medicare Pilot Program for ARD

- Established Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease (MPPARD)
- Individuals who met the pilot criteria and enroll in the Pilot Program are eligible to receive medically necessary items and services not normally covered by Medicare
- Enrollment begins in June 2011 with coverage effective as early as July 1, 2011
Part I
Medicare Based on EHH Exposure
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• Individuals may be eligible for Medicare based on having been exposed to an environmental health hazard
  – Diagnosed with one or more of the following:
    • Asbestosis, Mesothelioma, or other asbestos-related conditions
  – Present in Lincoln County, MT for a total of at least 6 months in the period ending 10 years or more before diagnosis of asbestos-related disease
    • Does not need to have been consecutive months
  – Current residence in emergency declaration area not required
  – Must file an application for Medicare Part A
Importance of Enrollment in Medicare

• The current source of healthcare coverage provided to this population will not continue indefinitely

• Enrollment into the Pilot Program is contingent upon enrollment in Medicare
Part II
Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease
Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease

- Pilot Program enrollees are eligible to receive medically necessary items and services not normally covered by Medicare
  - No cost to enroll in this pilot program
- Enrollment will begin in June 2011 with coverage effective as early as July 1, 2011
Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease -- Eligibility

• Requirements to enroll in Pilot Program

Individuals MUST:

• Have Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) based on EHH exposure
• Reside in Lincoln or Flathead County
• Part D coverage optional
Individuals Needing to Enroll in Part B or Part D

- CMS established a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for Part B and Part D
  - SEP began June 1, 2011 and ends June 30, 2012
  - SEP for individuals who live in pilot area and intend to enroll in Pilot Program
- Individuals without Part B or Part D can enroll in either or both parts at any time during the SEP and start coverage the following month
- Once beneficiary is enrolled in Part A and B, can enroll in Pilot Program
- When enrolled in Part D, can receive drug coverage under the pilot
Benefits

• Items and services not traditionally covered by Medicare including specialized medical treatment and support with activities of daily living necessitated by ARD
  – Special home care services and medical equipment
  – Help with travel to receive care
  – Special counseling, such as quitting smoking
  – Nutritional supplements
  – Prescription drugs not covered by Medicare drug plans (if you’re in a Medicare drug plan)

• Benefits will be coordinated by a case manager and based on individual need
Enrollment

- Four categories of individuals who may want to receive Pilot Program:
  1. Those enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B based on the environmental health hazard exposure
  2. Those enrolled only in Medicare Part A based on an environmental health hazard
  3. Those enrolled in Medicare based on age, disability or End Stage Renal Disease and who have an ARD related to the environmental exposure
  4. Those not enrolled in Medicare but who have an ARD related to the environmental health exposure
Enrolled in Medicare Based on Environmental Health Exposure

• Already meets requirement to have Medicare due to EHH, and already has Part B
• These individuals may contact Noridian to inquire about enrollment into Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease
• Pilot Program enrollment becomes effective on the first day of the following month
Enrolled in Medicare Part A Under EHH Provision But Not Enrolled in Part B

- Pilot eligibility contingent upon having Medicare under EHH
- Part B enrollment required to meet Pilot eligibility
- Individuals may contact SSA to enroll in Medicare Part B
- Special enrollment period will allow enrollment in Part B without waiting for usual annual enrollment period
- After enrolling in Medicare Part B, may contact Noridian to inquire about enrollment into Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease
- Pilot Program enrollment becomes effective on the first day of the following month
Enrolled in Medicare Based on Age, Disability or End Stage Renal Disease and Who Have an ARD

- May call SSA to inquire about EHH designation of their Medicare enrollment
- Individual’s physician must complete a checklist and send it to SSA proving Medicare eligibility
- After beneficiary receives a Medicare award letter from SSA, they may contact Noridian to inquire about enrollment into Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease
- Pilot Program enrollment becomes effective on the first day of the following month
Not Enrolled in Medicare But Have ARD Related to Environmental Health Exposure

- May call SSA to inquire about enrollment into Medicare under EHH
- Individual’s physician must complete a checklist and send it to SSA proving individual’s Medicare eligibility
- After beneficiary receives Medicare award letter from SSA, may contact Noridian to inquire about enrollment into MPPARD
- Pilot Program enrollment becomes effective on the first day of the following month
Contacting Social Security to File for Benefits

- U.S. driver’s license, state issued non-driver’s identification card or U.S. passport;
- Your full legal name, address, birth date, and Social Security number;
- Time period(s) you were in Lincoln County, MT area;
- Information regarding your asbestos related disease
  - You will need to sign medical release forms
    - Allows your doctor to confirm you have an ARD and meet medical eligibility criteria
Payment

- Pilot Program claims will be processed and payments will be made by CMS Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) – Noridian
  - Fees for Pilot Program services will be based on Medicare fee schedule amounts or on basis of reasonable cost
- Beneficiary cost-sharing does not apply to Pilot Program services
  - Includes co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles
Claims Process

• Denied or reduced Medicare claims processed by Noridian will automatically cross over to Pilot Program on behalf of individuals enrolled in Pilot Program
  – Claims will show 19003, 03202 or 03001 in the Customer Service Information box on the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)
  – Medicare Advantage claims and Part D (prescription drug) claims will not be crossed over by NAS to pilot
    • Provider or beneficiary must submit claims to NAS
Special Considerations

• Medicare claims denied by Medicare contractors other than Noridian will not automatically reprocess as Pilot Program claims on behalf of Pilot Program beneficiaries
  – Beneficiary or provider must forward denied claims to Noridian to determine whether payment may be made under Pilot Program
    • Examples:
      – Pilot Program beneficiaries receiving services:
        » From Indian Health Service providers; or
        » While vacationing outside the service area
Submitting Claims

• Medicare enrolled providers may submit paper claim along with supporting medical records
  – Providers not enrolled in Medicare may not submit claims—the beneficiary must submit the claim

• Beneficiaries may submit claims along with copies of Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) and supporting medical records
  – Claim form is available at:
    https://www.noridianmedicare.com/ard/docs/1490s.pdf
  – Beneficiaries may contact Noridian for help with submitting claims
Claim Documentation

• Corresponding medical records
  – Examples: Physician notes, prescriptions/orders, Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMN) for Durable Medical Equipment, if applicable

• If Medicare didn’t process claim, include copies of a receipt or other documentation describing items or services and amount you paid
Submitting Claims

• Claims Mailing Address
  – Noridian Administrative Services (NAS)
    PO Box 6761
    Fargo ND 58108-6761

• Fax
  – 1-888-469-9464

• Questions on submitting claims
  – Contact NAS Pilot Contact Center at 1-888-469-9464
  – Email questions to ARD@noridian.com
Appealing a Claim

• Independent review of original claim decision
• Must appeal within 120 calendar days from date on the Explanation of Benefits (EOB)
• Appeal request form
• Fax form to:
  – 1-888-469-9464
• Mail form to:
  – Noridian Administrative Services
    PO Box 6761
    Fargo ND 58108-6761
Care Coordination

• Care coordination activities will be performed by NAS
  – Ensure patient’s individual medical needs and preferences for care are understood and how to best meet those needs
  – Review submitted claims to determine pilot benefits

• Work closely with CARD staff to ensure needs are met. CARD clinic will continue to:
  – Make recommendations for care
  – Continue to see patients for checkups, evaluations
  – Aide in referral of medical care and other services
Resources
Resources

• Beneficiary Education
  – Individual letters mailed announcing Pilot Program and educational sessions

• Beneficiary Fact Sheets
  – Why Participate in the Pilot Program
  – Medicare Has a Special New Program for You

• Provider Education
  – Individual letters announcing Pilot Program and dates of educational sessions mailed to all providers in Pilot Program’s zip codes
Resources – Noridian

- **Contact Center:** 1-888-469-9464
  - Available 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., MT
- **Website:** [https://www.noridianmedicare.com/ard](https://www.noridianmedicare.com/ard)
- **Fax:** 1-888-469-9464
- **Email:** ARD@noridian.com
- **Mailing Address:** Noridian Administrative Services
  PO Box 6761
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Additional Resources

• Social Security Administration
  – 888-482-3128
  – www.ssa.gov/libby

• Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
  – Flathead County: 406-751-5900
  – Lincoln County: 406-293-3791

• Medicare website
  – http://www.medicare.gov/
Acronyms

- FFS – Fee For Service
- ARD – Asbestos Related Disease
- NAS – Noridian Administrative Services
- CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- MPPARD – Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease
- EHH – Environmental Health Hazard
- SSA – Social Security Administration
- SEP – Special Enrollment Period