

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN MEDICARE PART B (MEDICAL INSURANCE)

WHO CAN USE THIS APPLICATION?

People with Medicare who have Part A but not Part B

NOTE: If you do **not** have Part A, do **not** complete this form. Contact Social Security if you want to apply for Medicare for the first time.

WHEN DO YOU USE THIS APPLICATION?

Use this form:

- If you're in your **Initial Enrollment Period (IEP)** and live in **Puerto Rico**. You must sign up for Part B using this form.
- If you're in your **IEP** and **refused Part B** or did not sign up when you applied for Medicare, but now want Part B.
- If you want to sign up for Part B during the **General Enrollment Period (GEP)** from January 1 – March 31 each year.
- If you refused Part B during your IEP because you had group health plan (GHP) coverage through your or your spouse's current employment. You may sign up during your 8-month **Special Enrollment Period (SEP)**.
- If you have Medicare due to disability and refused Part B during your IEP because you had group health plan coverage through your, your spouse or family member's current employment.
- You may sign up during your 8-month SEP.

NOTE: Your IEP lasts for 7 months. It begins 3 months before your 65th birthday (or 25th month of disability) and ends 3 months after you reach 65 (or 3 months after the 25th month of disability).

WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION?

You will need:

- Your Medicare Number
- Your current address and phone number
- Form CMS-L564 "Request for Employment Information" completed by your employer **if you're signing up in a SEP**.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Send your completed and signed application to your local Social Security office. If you sign up in a SEP, include the CMS-L564 with your Part B application. If you have questions, call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213**. TTY users should call **1-800-325-0778**.

HOW DO YOU GET HELP WITH THIS APPLICATION?

- **Phone:** Call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213**. TTY users should call **1-800-325-0778**.
- **En español:** Llame a SSA gratis al **1-800-772-1213** y oprima el 2 si desea el servicio en español y espere a que le atienda un agente.
- **In person:** Your local Social Security office. For an office near you check www.ssa.gov.

REMINDERS

- If you sign up for Part B, you must pay premiums for every month you have the coverage.
- If you sign up after your IEP, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty (LEP) of 10% for each full 12-month period you don't have Part B but were eligible to sign up.

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, Braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against. Visit <https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice>, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

