

Can I enroll in Medicare during the Covid-19 shutdown?

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If you already have Medicare Part A and wish to sign up for Medicare Part B under the Special Enrollment Period (SEP), please complete form CMS 40-B, Application for Enrollment in Medicare - Part B (Medical Insurance) along with the CMS L564-Request for Employment Information and proof of employment, Group Health Plan (GHP), or Large Group Health Plan (LGHP). Return the completed forms to your Social Security office by mail or by **fax to 1-833-914-2016**.

Note When completing the CMS L564

- State on the form "I want Part B coverage to begin (MM/01/YYYY)"
- If possible, your employer should complete Section B.
- If your employer is unable to complete Section B, please complete that portion on behalf of your employer without your employers signature and submit one of the following forms of secondary evidence:
 - income tax form that shows health insurance premiums paid;
 - W-2s reflecting pre-tax medical contributions;
 - pay stubs that reflect health insurance premium deductions;
 - health insurance cards with a policy effective date;
 - explanations of benefits paid by the GHP or LGHP; or
 - statements or receipts that reflect payment of health insurance premiums.

REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS FORM?

In order to apply for Medicare in a Special Enrollment Period, you must have or had group health plan coverage within the last 8 months through your or your spouse's current employment. People with disabilities must have large group health plan coverage based on your, your spouse's or a family member's current employment.

This form is used for proof of group health care coverage based on current employment. This information is needed to process your Medicare enrollment application.

The employer that provides the group health plan coverage completes the information about your health care coverage and dates of employment.

HOW IS THE FORM COMPLETED?

- Complete the first section of the form so that the employer can find and complete the information about your coverage and the employment of the person through which you have that health coverage.
- The employer fills in the information in the second section and signs at the bottom.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE FORM?

Fill out Section A and take the form to your employer. Ask your employer to fill out Section B. You need to get the completed form from your employer and include it with your Application for Enrollment in Medicare (CMS-40B). Then you send both together to your local Social Security office. Find your local office here: www.ssa.gov.

GET HELP WITH THIS FORM

- **Phone:** Call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213**
- **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.

REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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SECTION B: To be completed by Employers

For Employer Group Health Plans ONLY:

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For Hours Bank Arrangements ONLY:

1. Is (or was) the applicant covered under an Hours Bank Arrangement? Yes No							
2. If yes, does the applicant have hours remaining in reserve? Yes No							
3. Date reserve hours ended or will be used? (mm/yyyy) <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: none; padding: 0 5px;">/</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>			/				
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STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS FORM

SECTION A:

The person applying for Medicare completes all of Section A.

- 1. Employer's name:**
Write the name of your employer.
- 2. Date:**
Write the date that you're filling out the Request for Employment Information form.
- 3. Employer's address:**
Write your employer's address.
- 4. Applicant's Name:**
Write your name here.
- 5. Applicant's Social Security Number:**
Write your Social Security Number here.
- 6. Employee's Name:**
If you get group health plan coverage based on your employment, write your name here. If you get group health plan coverage through another person, like a spouse or family member, write their name.
- 7. Employee's Social Security Number:**
If you get group health plan coverage based on your employment, write your Social Security Number here. If you get group health plan coverage through another person, like a spouse or family member, write their Social Security Number.

Once you complete Section A:

Once Section A is completed, give this form to your employer to complete Section B. Once Section B has been completed by your employer, return this form along with your Part B application to your local Social Security office.

SECTION B:

The employer completes all of Section B.

If you're an employer without an hours bank arrangement, complete the section called "For Employer Group Health Plans ONLY"

- 1. Is (or was) the applicant covered under an employer group health plan?**
Please check yes or no if the applicant was covered under your group health plan offered by your company. The applicant may be the employee or another person related to the employee, such as a spouse or family member with disabilities. If your company doesn't offer a group health plan, please check No. A group health plan is any plan of one or more employers to provide health benefits or medical care (directly or otherwise) to current or former employees, the employer, or their families.
- 2. If yes, give the date the coverage began.**
Write the month and year the date the applicant's coverage began in your group health plan.
- 3. Has the coverage ended?**
Check yes or no if the group health plan coverage for the applicant has ended.
- 4. If yes, give the date the coverage ended.**
Write the month and year the group health plan coverage ended for the applicant.

5. When did the employee work for your company?

Write the start and end dates of the employment for the employee in which the applicant is related. It may be the applicant or another person related to the employee, such as a spouse or family member with disabilities.

Enter the month and year of the start of the employment in the "From" box.

Enter the month and year of end of the employment in the "To" box.

If the employee is still employed, enter the month and year of the current date.

Current employment is active working status. It is not disability or retirement.

6. If you're a large group health plan and the applicant is disabled, please list the timeframe (all months) that your group health plan was primary payer.

Write the start and end dates that your group health plan was primary payer for the applicant.

If you're an employer with an hours bank arrangement, complete the section called "For Hours Bank Arrangements ONLY"

1. Is (or was) the applicant covered under an hours bank arrangement?

Please check yes or no if the applicant was covered under an hours bank arrangement. If you check no, please also fill out the section for "Employer Group Health Plans ONLY".

2. If yes, does the applicant have hours remaining in reserve?

Please indicate if the applicant currently has health coverage based on the remaining hours in the employee's hours bank account.

3. Date reserve hours ended or will be used?

Please write the month and year for when the remaining hours in the employee's hours bank account expired or will expire.

All employers need to complete the bottom of Section B.

- Signature of Company Official:**
An official representative of the company needs to sign this document. Please do not print.
- Date Signed:**
Write the date that you sign the form in this field.
- Title of Company Official:**
Print the title of the company official who signed the form in this field.
- Phone Number:**
Write the phone number of the company official who signed the form in this field. If there are questions regarding the information on this form, a representative from Social Security will contact you.