## **APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN MEDICARE**

## THE MEDICAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

SOCIAL SECURITY CLAIM NUMBER/BIC (beneficiary identification code)

Form HCFA-40B

DO YOU WISH TO ENROLL FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE UNDER MEDICARE?  YES – Part B Only	
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## PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is authorized to collect information on this form under sections 1836, 1840, and 1872 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1395o, 1395s, and 1395ii). The information on this form is needed to enable SSA and the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) to determine if you are entitled to supplementary medical insurance benefits. While completing this form is voluntary, failure to provide all or part of this information will result in your not being enrolled for medical insurance under Medicare. You should be aware that the information you furnish can be released by way of "routine uses" published in the Federal Register. Because they are too numerous to list here, SSA can furnish you with additional information upon request. You should also be aware that the information you provide on this form may be verified by a way of a computer match (Pub. Law 100-503).

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE UNDER MEDICARE

This form is your application for the Medical Insurance part of Medicare. It can be used either during your initial enrollment period, during any general enrollment period, or during a special enrollment period to which you **may** be entitled if you are covered under an employer's group health plan. Once you have completed this form, please return it to your local Social Security office. **A completed form must be received for each eligible dependent.** 

Your initial enrollment period lasts for 7 months. It begins 3 months before the month you reach age 65 (or 3 months before the 25<sup>th</sup> month you have received Social Security disability benefits) and it ends 3 months after you reach age 65 (or 3 months after the 25<sup>th</sup> month you received Social Security disability benefits). To have medical insurance start in the month you are 65 (or the 25<sup>th</sup> month of disability insurance benefits), you must sign up in the first 3 months of your initial enrollment period. If you sign up in any of the remaining 4 months, your medical insurance will start later.

If you do not file during your initial enrollment period, you can file any time after that during a general enrollment period which is the first 3 months of every year. If you sign up in a general enrollment period, your medical insurance begins July 1 of that year. However, when you file in a general enrollment period, your premium may be subject to a penalty increase. For each 12 month period elapsing between the end of your initial enrollment period and the end of the general enrollment period in which you file, your premium will be increased 10 percent.

If you are age 65 or older and employed, or the spouse of an employed person, and are covered under an employer group health plan (EGHP), you may be eligible to enroll during any of the 8 months after employment is terminated or, if earlier, after your employer group health plan coverage ends for any reason. You may also enroll at any time while you are still covered under a group health insurance plan based on your own work or that of your spouse. If you are under age 65, entitled to Medicare based on disability, and are covered under an employer's group health plan based on your own current employment or the current employment of your spouse, or are covered under a large group health plan based on your own current employment or the current employment of any family member, you may be eligible to enroll while you are still covered by the plan or during a special 8 month enrollment period which begins when the employer group health plan coverage ends or the employment ends, whichever occurs first. If you are disabled and your health plan notified you that Medicare will now be the primary payer of health insurance benefits, you may be eligible for a special enrollment period. Your medical insurance coverage will begin sooner under these special enrollment provisions than it will if you delay enrollment until the following general enrollment period. Also, you may be eligible under these special provisions for a reduction in the premium surcharge or penalty that usually applies to people who delay their enrollment in medical insurance under Medicare. If you are covered under an employer's group health plan (EGHP) and think that you may be eligible for a special enrollment period, please discuss your enrollment eligibility with a representative at the Social Security office.