



Medicare Enrollment for Disability Retirees

Wis. Stat. § 40.52 (2)

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Your Medicare Eligibility

Because you retired due to a disability, you may be eligible for Medicare benefits. Medicare eligibility related to disability is available to persons who have received Social Security disability benefits for at least 24 months, who have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) or Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS).

Your coverage in the State or the Wisconsin Public Employers Group Health Insurance Program may continue as a recently retired employee. If coverage continues, **You and/or your insured dependents must be enrolled for both portions of Medicare** (Hospital Part A and Medical Part B), **when first eligible**. This is required by state statute, as the programs are designed to integrate with, rather than duplicate, Medicare benefits. You may contact the **Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213** or visit www.ssa.gov for information on eligibility and how to enroll.

What You Need to Do

If you are eligible for Medicare, **please complete the enclosed *Medicare Eligibility Statement (ET-4307)***. Be sure to enter the Medicare number and Parts A and B effective dates, then sign and date the form. Return the form along with a photocopy of your Medicare card in the enclosed envelope to the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF). ***We must be provided proof of Medicare enrollment.***

If you have not received your Medicare card (s), you may also send ETF a copy of other correspondence from the Social Security Administration that shows your Medicare number and the effective dates instead of a copy of your Medicare card. Visit either website below to obtain this information online:

- www.ssa.gov – (Under “Get a benefit verification letter”)
- www.mymedicare.gov

Important Medicare Information

- Your group health insurance coverage will be transferred to a plan integrated with Medicare effective on the first of the month in which you are required to be enrolled in Medicare under the group health insurance program. The amount of your monthly premium will be reduced. Please note that premiums can only be adjusted in accordance with the contract. We will notify your health insurance plan of the change in your status.

You can also choose a different health plan when you enroll in Medicare Parts A and/or B. Please submit a *Health Insurance Application/Change for Retirees (ET-2331)* form if you wish to change your health plan. ***If your Medicare Parts A and B coverage are not effective on or before the first of the month in which you are required to be enrolled in Medicare, you will be liable for the claims Medicare would have paid.***

- **It is your responsibility** to notify us when other family members covered under your policy become eligible for Medicare. This will ensure that your coverage and premium amount remain correct.
- In most circumstances, you should present both your health insurance plan ID card and your Medicare ID card to your medical provider when receiving services.

Additional Information

If you have questions regarding the Group Health Insurance Program's requirements to be enrolled in Medicare, you may contact ETF toll free at 1-877-533-5020.

Discrimination is Against the Law 45 C.F.R. § 92.8(b)(1) and (d)(1)

The Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. ETF does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

ETF provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats. ETF provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages. If you need these services, contact ETF's Office of Policy, Privacy & Compliance, which serves as ETF's Civil Rights Coordinator.

If you believe that ETF has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance with: Compliance Office, Department of Employee Trust Funds, P.O. Box 7931, Madison, WI 53707-7931; 1-877-533-5020; TTY: 711; Fax: 608-267-4549; Email: ETFSMBPrivacyOfficer@etf.wi.gov. If you need help filing a grievance, ETF's Compliance Office is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201; 1-800-368-1019; TDD: 1-800-537-7697. Complaint forms are available at www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

Spanish: ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).

Hmong: LUS CEEV: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, cov kev pab txog lus, muaj kev pab dawb rau koj. Hu rau 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).

Chinese: 注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711)

German: ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).

Arabic: ملاحظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فهناك خدمة مساعدة متاحة بلغتك دون أي مصاريف: اتصل بالرقم 1-877-533-5020 (خدمة الصم والبكم: 711)

Russian: ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-877-533-5020 (телетайп: 711).

Korean: 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

Vietnamese: CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).

Pennsylvania Dutch: Wann du [Deutsch (Pennsylvania German / Dutch)] schwetzsch, kannscht du mitaus Koschte ebber gricke, ass dihr helft mit die englisch Schprooch. Ruf selli Nummer uff: Call 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).

Laotian/Lao: ໂປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ຄຸມມືມີ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທ 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).

French: ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-877-533-5020 (ATS : 711).

Polish: UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).

Hindi: ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं तो आपके लिए मुफ्त में भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं। 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें।

Albanian: KUJDES: Nëse flitni shqip, për ju ka në dispozicion shërbime të asistencës gjuhësore, papagesë. Telefononi në 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).

Tagalog: PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-877-533-5020 (TTY: 711).