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MEDICARE A & B ENROLLMENT

UNDER AGE 65 AT TIME OF SEPARATION

> UNDER age 65 at time of separation from UW
  – Enroll three months before 65th birthday - provide resulting proof to HCA to continue health insurance coverage
  – Contact Social Security Administration to enroll, or enroll online at ssa.gov.
  – Automatic enrollment if receiving Social Security Benefits
OVER AGE 65 AT TIME OF SEPARATION

> OVER age 65 at time of separation from UW
  > Enroll in Medicare three months before your retiree insurance will start.
  > Provide HCA with proof of enrollment in Part A & Part B:
    > copy of your Medicare card; or
    > Print a Benefit Verification Letter from: [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount)
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> Initial Medicare Enrollment Period
  – Eligible at age 65 (non-disability)
  – Enrollment period starts: 3 calendar months prior to eligibility month (month you turn 65)
  – Enrollment period: ends 3 calendar months after eligibility month (7-month period)
### Medicare A & B Enrollment

**Example: seven-month Initial Enrollment Period for someone with a July birthday**

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If join this month, Medicare starts in August.
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SPECIAL MEDICARE ENROLLMENT PERIOD

> Eligible to sign up as long as
  - you or your spouse are working and covered employer group insurance, or
  - Loss of employer medical (current employment) after age 65 & 3 months (have an 8-month period to enroll)

Special Circumstances (Special Enrollment Periods)

> Caution:
  - Initial Medicare Enrollment Rules take priority over Special Medicare Enrollment Rules
  - Special Enrollment - Medicare Part A effective date retroactive 6 months but not prior to age 65
MEDICARE A & B ENROLLMENT

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

> If over age 65 at time of retirement, then enroll 3 months before UW separation date:
  – Contact Social Security:
    > Phone (1-800-772-1213) - Schedule appointment; or have Application sent by mail to complete
    > Online (ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/) - You cannot enroll online for Medicare Part B, if already enrolled in Medicare Part A
MEDICARE A & B ENROLLMENT

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

1. CMS-40B: Application for Enrollment in Medicare
   
   **YOU WILL COMPLETE**
   
   – Access to the CMS-40B and Medicare information:

2. CMS-L564: Request for Employment Information
   
   **UW BENEFITS OFFICE WILL COMPLETE**
   
   – Contact UW Benefits Office for this form
GENERAL ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

> General Annual Enrollment Period
  - January 1 – March 31 with coverage effective July 1
  - Premium increases 10% for each year you were eligible for Medicare Part B and did not enroll
MEDICARE A & B ENROLLMENT

> Make copies of completed forms for your records, return forms to Social Security

> Medicare Part B premium
  – Social Security agent will confirm premium
  – If receiving Social Security Benefits check, premium will be deducted monthly
  – If not yet receiving Social Security Benefits check, you will be billed quarterly by Social Security
Upon receipt of your updated card, make a copy, attach to your retiree insurance enrollment form, and mail to HCA or...
MEDICARE A & B VERIFICATION

> Create an online Social Security account at: ssa.gov
  – Two weeks after submitting your enrollment forms, go to this website and select “Get a Benefit Verification Letter”
  – Print and attach Benefit Verification Letter to retiree enrollment form and send to HCA
  – If you can’t or don’t want to use your online account for your Benefit Verification letter, call SSA at 1-800-772-1213.
  – Another option is to wait for an updated Medicare Card in the US mail
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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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