**Medicare Information**

**Social Security Administration (SSA)** - Government agency that administers the Social Security pension plan, federal disability benefits, and Medicare enrollment.

**SSA Contact Information:**
- Online: www.medicare.gov
- Phone: (866) 627-6991 (Austin Office)
- Office Visit: Any Social Security Office

**Medicare** - Federal health insurance plan for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities, or people with other serious medical conditions.

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*Monetary penalty may apply if enrollment guidelines are avoided. Please contact the SSA office for details.*

**Medicare Enrollment** - A request to enroll in Medicare Parts A, B, & D. Guidelines are included in the Medicare packet mailed **3-months** prior to enrollees 65th birthday; or enrollee may contact the SSA office to request enrollment forms.

The SSA office will mail the following Medicare enrollment documents:
1. CMS-40B (Participant will complete)
2. CMS-L564 (UT HR will complete)

Medicare enrollees should forward SSA form **CMS-L564** to UT Human Resource Service Center (HRSC) for completion. Please include document pick-up instructions when submitting forms to the HRSC.

**Note:** UT HRSC will **NOT** mail Medicare enrollment forms to the SSA office.
Medicare Part B Enrollment
going for UT Working Employees & Dependents

*Non-employed UT retiree & dependents should contact the SSA office for Medicare enrollment.

People age 65 or older

**OR**

People under age 65 with certain disabilities or serious medical conditions

UT employee or retiree working at least 20 hours and 4.5 continuous months

UT employee or retiree working less than 20 hours and/or 4.5 continuous months

Medicare eligible UT employee, retiree, or dependent may *postpone* Medicare Part B enrollment

Medicare eligible UT employee, retiree, or dependent should enroll in Medicare Part B immediately

Medicare eligible participants must enroll when:

- UT employee or retiree is actively working less than 20 hours and 4.5 continuous months
- Upon UT employment separation

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*Postpone* - A request to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B enrollment until a future date.

Guidelines to postpone benefits are provided in the SSA packet mailed 3-months prior to enrollees 65th birthday, or by direct request from the SSA office.

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1. Medicare eligible participants with End Stage Renal failure and other serious medical conditions may require Medicare enrollment at an earlier date. Please contact the SSA office for details.

2. Monetary penalty may apply if Medicare Part B enrollment guidelines are avoided. Eligible participants should contact the SSA office when the UT employee or retiree is working less than 20 hours and 4.5 continuous or upon UT employment separation.