



## Program Benefits

The Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease covers items and services beyond what Medicare normally covers. For example:

- Special home care services
- Special medical equipment
- Help with travel to get care
- Special counseling, like help quitting smoking
- Nutritional supplements
- Prescription drugs not covered by Medicare (if you're in a Medicare drug plan)

You'll also be able to work with a nurse case manager who will help you get the care you need.

For more information on the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease, call 1-888-469-9464.

## Get More Information

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# Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease





# Who Can Enroll?

## About the Program

The **Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease** is an innovative program for certain people with Medicare in certain counties in Montana, Washington and Idaho.

The program provides comprehensive, coordinated, cost-effective services not normally covered under Medicare.

Noridian Administrative Services (NAS) is running this program for Medicare.

## Why Libby, Montana?

Libby, Montana is the site of a public health emergency caused by airborne pollutants from a vermiculite mine in the 1920s – 1990s.

People who developed certain medical conditions as a result of exposure to this health hazard are eligible for Medicare under the Affordable Care Act's "Exposure to Environmental Health Hazards" provision.

You must meet these requirements to participate in the **Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease**:

- Have Medicare under the Affordable Care Act's "Exposure to Environmental Health Hazards" (EHH) provision
- Reside in:
  - Glacier, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, and Sanders counties in Montana OR
  - Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Orielle, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman counties in Washington OR
  - Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Kootenai, Latah, and Shoshone counties in Idaho.
- Have Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)
- Have Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)

You don't need to have Medicare Part D to participate in the program, but you won't get coverage for any drugs in the program unless you join a Medicare drug plan (or have other creditable coverage). Medicare is allowing a special enrollment period to join a Medicare drug plan now for people who want to get drugs in the pilot program. (Normally, you can only join at certain times of the year.)

If you think you qualify, call 1-888-469-9464 to enroll in the **Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease** or to receive more information.

## **I have Medicare Part A & Part B due to my age or disability.**

You can only participate in this program if you have Medicare under the EHH provision.

If you live in one of the counties listed above and you have an asbestos related disease, call Social Security at 1-888-482-3128 to see if you can enroll for Medicare under the EHH provision.

## **I have Part A under the EHH provision, but not Part B.**

You can enroll in Part B now by contacting your local Social Security office. You can locate your local Social Security office [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or by calling us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). (Normally, you can only enroll in Part B at certain times of the year.)

## **I don't have Medicare, but I have an asbestos related disease from exposure in Libby, MT.**

To be eligible for Medicare coverage under the EHH provision, you must have been diagnosed with an asbestos related disease and been present in Lincoln County, MT for a total of at least six months during a period ending 10 years or more before you were diagnosed.

You don't need to be 65 or get disability benefits to qualify, there's no waiting period, and you don't need to have paid into Social Security or Medicare.

If you think you may qualify, call Social Security at 1-888-482-3128.