
**Acknowledgment of Request
for Medicare Premium Part A Termination**

From: Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Date:

Claim Number:

You recently asked us to stop your Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) protection. On the basis of your request, this coverage will end on (mm/dd/yyyy). You are responsible for all premiums due through the end of that month.

If you change your mind and decide you want to keep your Part A insurance, you can do so by completing the form below. Take it or mail it to any Social Security office **before** the date your coverage will stop and your protection will continue without interruption.

The decision to keep or drop this protection is one that only you can make. However, to assist you with making this important decision, we urge you to carefully consider the following information.

What Does Medicare Part A Cover? Medicare Part A insurance helps pay for most of the services you receive when you are a patient in the hospital, including a semi-private room, meals, general nursing and other hospital services and supplies (this includes care in critical access hospitals and inpatient mental health care). Medicare Part A can also pay for inpatient care in a skilled nursing facility, hospice care and some home health care.

(Over)

I would like to keep my Medicare Part A insurance coverage.

PRINT NAME

Social Security Number

(Signature by mark must be witnessed below)

Date

SIGN HERE

Your Mailing Address

Telephone Number

City

State

Zip Code

Signature of Witness (necessary if you sign by mark)

Address of Witness

How else can I protect myself against medical expenses if I drop Medicare Part A? You may not be able to get the same amount of protection that you now have with Medicare Part A insurance. If you are considering the purchase of private insurance, you should discuss this with your insurance representative **before** you drop Part A. For people over 65 who are eligible for Medicare, most private companies offer coverage only to add to their Medicare Part A insurance. If your income is very low, you may qualify for Medicaid which helps pay for medical and health care costs, including the Part A premium, for those who are eligible. Contact your State medical assistance office for more information.

Can I keep Medicare prescription drug coverage if I drop Medicare Part A? You can keep your Medicare prescription drug coverage only if you are age 65 or older and entitled to Medicare Part B.

Can I join a Medicare Advantage plan if I drop Medicare Part A? You must have both Medicare Part A **and** Part B to join a Medicare Advantage plan. If you are already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan and you drop Part A, your coverage in the plan may end.

How can I get Medicare Part A again if I decide I want it? You can get Medicare Part A again by signing up during January, February or March of any year for coverage which begins the following July. But your monthly premium may be higher than if you had not dropped the insurance.

Do I have special re-enrollment rights if I am covered under a group health plan? If you or your spouse is working and you have group health plan coverage based on that work or you are disabled and you or a family member is working and you have group health plan coverage based on that work, you may be eligible for a special enrollment period. You may re-enroll in Medicare Part A:

- Anytime you or your spouse (or family member if you are disabled) are working and covered under the group health plan, or
- During the eight months following the month that the group health plan coverage ends or when the employment ends, whichever happens first.

NOTE: If you have COBRA coverage, you must enroll in Medicare Part A during the eight months following the month when the group health plan coverage ends or when the employment ends, whichever happens first.

What if I am serving as a volunteer outside of the United States? If you are serving as a volunteer outside of the United States, you may be eligible for a special enrollment period if you:

- Perform volunteer service outside of the United States through a program sponsored by a tax-exempt organization; and
- Have health insurance that provides coverage while you are outside of the United States.

You may re-enroll in Medicare Part A during the 6-month period that begins the earlier of the first month that:

- You are no longer serving as a volunteer outside of the United States; or
- You do not have health insurance that provides coverage outside of the United States, or
- The sponsoring organization is no longer tax exempt.

NOTE: You are not eligible for this special enrollment period if you are under age 65 and purchasing Medicare Part A because you are disabled.

Where can I get more information? If you have any questions or need more information, contact any Social Security office. You may also call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. We can answer most questions over the phone. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. You can also write or visit any Social Security office. If you visit an office, take this letter with you.