

The Texas A&M University System Medicare Coordination Acknowledgement

With few exceptions, you have the right to request, receive, review and correct information about yourself collected using this form.

Retiree's name: Last First, MI (please print)



If you are eligible or become eligible for Medicare, it is very important for you and any other covered Medicareeligible dependents to enroll in both Parts A and B of Medicare.

Your A&M System coverage will be negatively affected if you do not enroll in both Parts A and B of Medicare. When you or your spouse are eligible for Medicare, (as of the first of the month in which you/your spouse turn age 65) your A&M System medical plan becomes **secondary** to Medicare coverage. If you are already 65 or older when you retire, you should **immediately** contact your local Social Security office to enroll as Medicare will become primary the day you retire. You or a dependent may be eligible for Medicare earlier than age 65 if you have been disabled and have been awarded Social Security benefits for 24 months.

Medicare Part A is free hospitalization coverage. Medicare Part B, which has a monthly premium, covers doctor's services, outpatient lab and X-ray services, medical equipment, etc.

WARNING: The A&M System medical plans pay <u>secondary</u> to Medicare if you are retired and age 65, or older. Even if you do not enroll in both parts of Medicare, the A&M System medical plan will be <u>secondary</u> and will pay benefits as if you were enrolled in Medicare. This could result in significant out-of-pocket expenses to you. You should begin your Medicare Part B enrollment at least 60-days before you stop working. Your Part B premiums will be higher if you do not enroll when you are first eligible.

IMPORTANT: If you are an A&M System retiree over age 65, and are considering returning to active employment with the A&M System, please contact your benefits office to discuss any potential impacts with claims coordination between Medicare and the A&M System medical plan.

To find out more about Medicare, call your local Social Security office at (800) 772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov.

When you enroll in Medicare Parts A and B, and are not working for the A&M System, you may be eligible for the 65 Plus Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO), which operates as a Medicare Advantage Plan. If you cover dependents on your medical plan, you and your dependents must be eligible for and enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B to take advantage of the 65 Plus Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO).

If you and any covered dependents are eligible and enrolled in Medicare A and B you will be moved to the 65 Plus Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO). If you are or become eligible for the 65 Plus Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO) and opt out of this plan because you have medical coverage through another source other than Medicare, or for most other reasons, you will be opting out of any medical coverage offered through the Texas A&M University System.

By submitting this form, I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Medicare Coordination Acknowledgement form and agree that I have read and understand the information regarding Medicare coverage and the A&M System medical plans.



Signature of Retiree in ink (blue ink preferred)

Signature date (MM-DD-YYYY)

Date stamp