

MEDICARE BENEFITS

Medicare is a federally sponsored health insurance program for elderly and disabled persons. Medicare has two parts that cover different care areas: Part A, which is also known as hospital insurance, and Part B, which is also called medical insurance.

Part A covers inpatient hospitalization, inpatient skilled care in a skilled nursing facility, home health care and hospice. Part B covers medically necessary physician services, certain therapies, outpatient services, medical equipment and some other services not covered by Part A. Both Part A and Part B have co-insurance and deductible requirement that can be paid by the individual out-of-pocket or by other insurance plans, including Medicaid.

If you have questions about whether you can get Medicare or about Medicare enrollment, cards or premium amounts, contact the Social Security Office. In Eau Claire, the number is #715-836-6455.

If you have already qualified for Medicare and have questions about the status of Part A or Part B claims and what Medicare hospital and medical insurance covers, call your Medicare carrier.

In Wisconsin:

Part A:
Medicare Beneficiary
National Government Services
P.O. Box 3000
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3000
#1-800-633-4227

Part B:
Medicare Beneficiary
Medicare/WPS
Box 1787
Madison, WI 53701
#1-800-944-0051

Written information describing the Medicare program including the Part A program is available in the Social Service or Business Offices.