

# 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.*

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

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*Social Security number or UIN*

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*Spouse's Social Security number or UIN*

**If you are 65 or older, it is very important for you and your covered dependents to enroll in both Parts A and B of Medicare.**

Your A&M System coverage will be adversely 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 turn age 65) your A&M System 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.

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. Almost all health plans pay **secondary** to Medicare if you are retired and age 65, or older. If you do not enroll in both parts of Medicare, the health plans will be secondary and pay benefits as if you were.

**WARNING:** Your failure to enroll in both Parts A and B of Medicare does not obligate the A&M System health plans to pay primary benefits and could result in significant out-of-pocket expenses to you. Your Part B premiums will be higher if you do not enroll when you are first eligible. The exception to this is if you return to work for the A&M System for at least nine months of the year and you are the policy holder, you can wait until you stop working to enroll in Part B since your A&M System coverage will continue to pay first on any medical claims while you are working.

To find out more about Medicare, call your local Social Security office at (800) 772-1213. The Social Security website is [www.ssa.gov/](http://www.ssa.gov/).

When you enroll in Medicare Parts A and B and are not working for The Texas A&M University System, you may be eligible for the 65 Plus plan, which is a Medicare supplement plan. If your spouse is on your health plan, both you and your spouse must be 65 or older to take advantage of this plan.

If you work for the A&M System after retirement, you or your physician should submit your claims to BCBSTX first, and then to Medicare during the months you work. During the months you do not work, you should submit your claims to Medicare first.

**I have read and understand the information regarding Medicare coverage and the A&M System health plans.**

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*Signature of Employee/Retiree in ink (blue ink preferred)*

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