

A New Way to Sign Up for Medicare Part B

As you know, as of March 17, 2020 all local Social Security offices were closed to the public for in-person service due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Social Security understands that due to current circumstances, beneficiaries may have difficulties submitting their Medicare enrollment forms by mail.

To assist beneficiaries who have stopped working and are seeking immediate enrollment into Medicare Part B, Social Security has developed a method for beneficiaries to fax their enrollment forms.

Now Medicare beneficiaries can fax Medicare Part B form, CMS-40B (<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms-Items/CMS017339>) and CMS L564- Request for Employment Information (<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms-Items/CMS009718>), along with proof of employment, Group Health Plan (GHP), or Large Group Health Plan (LGHP) to 1-833-914-2016, if unable to mail the forms directly to your local Social Security office. To find your local office mailing address, please use our Social Security Office Locator (<https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>).

Please visit the Social Security & Coronavirus information page (<https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/>) to get the latest updates, including how to get help from the Social Security Administration online. You can also call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

You may also contact SHINE at 508-222-1399 if you have questions. Please leave a voice mail and someone will call you back. SHINE may still be working remotely in the month of June.