

Were You on Medicare and an Employer Group Health Plan?

No

If you answered no to this question, do nothing.

Yes

If you answered yes, please continue reading for important information about your coverage.

As a new Health Tradition 65Plus member, it is important that Medicare be informed of any changes in your health insurance coverage. Otherwise, you may experience claim denials by Medicare and 65Plus. The information below explains some of the questions you may have in your transition to 65Plus.

I was on Medicare and my or my spouse's employer group health plan. I have discontinued my or my spouse's employer group health plan and joined 65Plus. What do I need to do?

You will need to contact Medicare at 1-800-999-1118 to notify them of any change in health insurance coverage.

Why do I need to contact Medicare?

Medicare does not automatically know if you have changed insurance coverage. When you first enrolled in Medicare you filled out an Initial Enrollment Questionnaire that asked you to list your group health insurance through your work or that of a family member. You will need to inform them of any change or termination of that group health insurance.

How does Medicare use this change of information in group health insurance coverage?

There may be a change in "who pays first." While enrolled in a group health plan, the group health plan may have been the primary payer and Medicare the secondary payer. When changing from an employer group health plan to the 65Plus plan, Medicare becomes the primary payer and 65Plus becomes the secondary payer.

How do I notify Medicare of the change in health insurance coverage from a group health plan to the 65Plus Medicare select plan?

Call the Medicare Coordination of Benefits Contractor at 1-800-999-1118 with your changes.

What information should I give the Medicare Coordination of Benefits Contractor?

Be prepared to provide Medicare with the name and address of your group health plan, the date coverage stopped with the group health plan and the reason for your change in coverage.

Do I need to contact anyone else regarding the change in my health insurance coverage?

Yes. Please notify all of your healthcare providers such as hospitals, clinics and chiropractors about the change in your health insurance coverage.

For more information or if you have additional questions, please contact your Health Tradition Member Advocate at 1-888-459-3020 (toll-free) for assistance.

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