



## Information on Medicare for Actively Employed Members

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If you and/or your spouse (including same-sex married spouse) qualify for and are enrolled in benefits from Social Security, you or your spouse are automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B beginning the first day of the month in which you or your spouse turn age 65. **Because you are an active employee and you are receiving benefits under the PASSHE Group Health Program, it is not necessary to enroll in Medicare Part B coverage at this time, and you and your spouse can avoid the monthly Medicare Part B premium until you retire.** There will be no penalty for enrolling upon your retirement since you and your spouse were enrolled in an active employee health coverage program. **You (or your spouse) will need to contact Social Security to advise them that you do not need Medicare Part B at this time.**

If covering a domestic partner, please be aware that because domestic partners covered as dependents under employer-sponsored plans are not considered "spouses" for purposes of federal law, including Medicare, the waiver of the Part B late-enrollment penalty does not apply.

It is critical for you and/or your spouse to contact Social Security approximately three months prior to retirement to enroll in Medicare Part B so this coverage is in place at the time of retirement. Typically the Medicare Part B premium is deducted from your Social Security check and/or your spouse's Social Security check, if receiving a monthly benefit from Social Security.

You may receive numerous mailings from other vendors regarding Medicare Complement plans, which you do not need while you have coverage as an active employee under the PASSHE Group Health Program.

For more information about Medicare Parts A and B, please contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227. You can learn more by visiting the Medicare website at [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov). If you have questions or need further assistance regarding how your coverage changes upon retirement, please contact your university human resources office.

**If you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you retire, most physician and medical/surgical services will not be covered.**