



TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Human Resources

MEDICARE INFORMATION FOR RETIREES / EMPLOYEES

Approaching 65 and the need for Medicare:

- Medicare Part A (hospital coverage) helps pay for inpatient hospital charges and may be earned "premium free" through qualified employment.
- Medicare Part B (medical coverage) helps pay for physician charges, outpatient, x-ray, laboratory charges, and many other medical services. Medicare Part B cannot be earned "premium free" through employment, it must be purchased by the individual through the Social Security Administration.
- Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage) helps pay for outpatient prescription drugs. When a subscriber and spouse/domestic partner are both age 65 or older and retired, and are remaining on a SISC plan, they will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Part D.

Actively employed (not retired) SISC member of the school district **or** A spouse/domestic partner of an actively employed (not retired) SISC member of the school district:

If you qualify for premium free Part A, it is to your advantage to enroll in Part A when you turn age 65. If you have not earned premium free Part A, it is not necessary to sign up until you retire, **or** until your spouse retires if they are the school district employee.

If you do enroll in Part A, please provide a copy of the Medicare card to TUHSD. This will provide coordination of benefits on hospitalization claims and reduce out-of-pocket expenses. It is not necessary to enroll in Medicare Part B until three months prior to your retirement date, **or** your spouse's retirement date if they are the school district employee. In this case, the Social Security Administration will allow a special enrollment period for Medicare.

Please contact the Social Security Administration for current and additional assistance with enrolling and understanding Medicare.