

PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY

The TeamCare Retiree Health Plan is not available to any member on the plan that qualifies for Medicare Part A or Part B, or who has been receiving a Social Security Disability Benefit from the Social Security Administration for more than 24 months. It is important to note that a member on the Retiree Health Plan who qualifies for Medicare and elects not to take it for any reason is **not eligible for the TeamCare Retiree Health Plan**. In order to prevent any benefit overpayment by TeamCare, it is important that you and your spouse understand how a Social Security Disability Benefit and Medicare eligibility from the Social Security Administration affects your Retiree Health Plan benefits.

QUESTION


Is any member of your family receiving TeamCare Retiree Health Plan Benefits and:

- ◆ **On Medicare (Part A, B or D), or**
- ◆ **Approved for a Social Security Disability Benefit, or**
- ◆ **Have applied for a Social Security Disability Benefit?**

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YES

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Forward a copy of the Medicare Card or the Social Insurance Award from the Social Security Administration to TeamCare immediately to confirm continued eligibility for Retiree Health Plan benefits. Please include your TeamCare Member ID Number with the copy of your card.

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EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE: Mark retired in July, 2014 and elected the Retiree Health Plan for himself and his spouse. Mark applied and qualified for a Social Security Disability Benefit and was awarded a Social Insurance Award in December, 2014. Because Mark qualified for a SIA, he automatically became eligible for Medicare 24 months later on December, 2016. TeamCare became aware of Mark's eligibility for Medicare through a submitted hospital bill in March, 2017 and TeamCare incurred an overpayment of claims from December, 2016 through March, 2017.

EXAMPLE: John retired February, 2014 and elected the Retiree Health Plan for himself and his spouse. His wife Mary became eligible for early Medicare Parts A and B in May, 2016 due to being approved for a Social Security Disability Benefit. In April, 2017 while Mary was at the doctor, her provider called TeamCare to see if Medicare or TeamCare was primary. Due to Mary's Medicare eligibility she was no longer eligible for Retiree Health Plan Coverage as of May, 2016 and TeamCare incurred an overpayment of claims.

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No action required at this time.

If at any time you or your covered family members apply for a Social Security Disability Benefit OR are eligible to receive ANY Medicare Benefits, notify TeamCare immediately to prevent TeamCare from pursuing any overpayments.

CONTACTUS

For any questions on the Retiree Health Plan or Medicare, please contact TeamCare:

Phone: 800-TEAMCARE (832-6227)
Benefits Specialists are available starting at 8:00 a.m. Mon - Fri, Central Standard Time.

Fax: 847-518-9752

Mail: All Medicare Cards, Social Security Disability Awards or questions can be mailed to:

TeamCare
A Central States Health Plan
PO Box 5109
Des Plaines IL 60017-5109

Web: MyTeamCare.org

Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al 800-832-6227

TeamCare will pursue any overpayment of paid claims incurred as a result of not receiving notification of eligibility for Medicare for you or your covered family members.