

Cal STRS Medicare Enrollment

What Must I Do?

1. Enroll in Medicare Part A and Part B. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office.

Note: If the Social Security representative tells you that you are not qualified, eligible or do not have enough credits to receive Medicare Part A premium-free, tell the representative that you would like to purchase Medicare Parts A and B. Medicare will then send you a Notice of Medicare Premium Payment Due for Medicare Parts A and B (Medicare bill).

2. Your 1st Notice of Medicare Premium Due (Medicare bill) should arrive the month before your Medicare coverage begins. If you want CalSTRS to pay your Medicare Part A and/or deduct your Medicare Part B from your retirement benefit, complete the attached CalSTRS Medicare Payment Authorization form. Mail the completed form and a photocopy of your Medicare bill to CalSTRS in the enclosed envelope. Do not pay this bill.

3. If you are eligible for the Medicare Premium Payment Program, CalSTRS will send you a letter to confirm that we have received your documents. We will explain when CalSTRS will begin paying your Medicare Part A and/or when to expect your Medicare Part B to be deducted from your monthly benefit check. If you are not eligible, CalSTRS will notify you.

Note: Because of normal processing time, receiving a SECOND Medicare bill with past due premiums is not unusual. Please contact CalSTRS only if you receive a DELINQUENT Medicare bill.

About the CalSTRS Medicare Authorization Form

The CalSTRS Medicare Authorization form does not enroll you in Medicare, but is essential for CalSTRS processing purposes. Without this signed form, CalSTRS cannot pay your Part A premium and surcharges or deduct the Part B premium from your retirement allowance and pay any Part B surcharges.

Please return the form to CalSTRS at least eight weeks before your Medicare coverage begins to ensure that CalSTRS begins paying your Part A premiums and, if applicable, CalSTRS will deduct the Part B premium from your allowance.

For CalSTRS Information

For questions about CalSTRS payment of Medicare Part A premiums, please call the CalSTRS Member Services at 1-800-228-5453.