



Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease

What Is the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease?

Libby, Montana is the site of a public health emergency caused by airborne pollutants from a vermiculite mine in the 1920s to the 1990s. The Environmental Protection Agency declared the area a public health emergency on June 17, 2009. People who developed medical conditions as a result of exposure to this environmental health hazard are eligible for Medicare under the Affordable Care Act's "Exposure to Environmental Health Hazards" provision.

The **Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease** is an innovative new program for certain people with Medicare who reside in Lincoln or Flathead County in Montana. The program is designed to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective care, including services not normally covered under Medicare.

You May Qualify for the Pilot Program

You must meet the following requirements to participate in the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease:

- Have Medicare under the Affordable Care Act's "Exposure to Environmental Health Hazards" provision
- Live in Lincoln or Flathead County
- Have Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)
- Have Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)


If you don't already have Part B, you can enroll by contacting your local Social Security Office at 1-888-482-3128. Medicare is allowing a special enrollment period to enroll now for people who want to participate in this program. (Normally, you can only enroll in Part B at certain times of the year.)

You Need a Part D Plan for Drug Coverage in the Pilot Program

If you want prescription drug coverage while you participate in this program, you need to join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, unless you have "creditable coverage". Creditable coverage is prescription drug coverage (for example, from an employer or union) that is expected to pay, on average, at least as much as Medicare's standard prescription drug coverage. People who have this kind of coverage when they become eligible for Medicare can generally keep that coverage without paying a penalty, if they decide to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage later. You can participate in the pilot program without joining a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, but you won't get coverage for any drugs in the pilot program.

Call to Enroll in This Program

If you meet all program requirements, you can enroll in the Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease by calling NAS at 1-888-469-9464.

To enroll in Medicare, contact Social Security at 1-888-482-3128 or visit www.ssa.gov/libby .

Questions? Get More Information

Noridian Administrative Services (NAS) is running this program for Medicare. For more information, visit www.noridianmedicare.com/ard or call 1-888-469-9464 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. MT.

