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## SCO Members Must Enroll in Medicare to Keep Their Coverage

- **SCO Members Must Enroll in Medicare -**
  - Members who **are not eligible for Medicare at no cost** will retain their MassHealth coverage but will not be able to remain in SCO after December 31, 2025.
  - Members who **are eligible for Medicare at no cost** will lose both their MassHealth and SCO plan coverage if they don't enroll in Medicare.
- SCO members who **already have both Medicare and MassHealth** will not be impacted by this change.

Schedule your Medicare appointment with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to keep your MassHealth coverage.

### Here's how to apply:

1. You **must call or visit in-person** your local Social Security Administration Field Office directly to request an application appointment. **You cannot schedule your appointment online.** You can also contact us at 1-855-670-5934 (TTY 711) for help scheduling a Medicare appointment with your local Social Security Administration office.
2. **Prepare for the Medicare appointment**  
Provide this information when scheduling an appointment with the SSA:
  - Social Security Number
  - Date of Birth
  - Full Name
  - Mailing Address
  - Country of Birth
  - Marital Status (single, married, divorced, widowed)
  - Your reported citizenship or permanent resident status
  - Phone number SSA should use to contact you for the appointment.
  - Any other documents that the SSA asks for.
3. **What do I need to bring to my Medicare application appointment?**  
Show the Social Security Office the back of this document called "Information for the Social Security Office." This document explains that you are a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary who is required to enroll in Medicare. This will help the SSA Office process your application correctly. If you are attending the Medicare appointment over the phone, please explain to them what this document says.
4. **If you need transportation** to get to the Social Security Administration office, please contact your Care Manager to see what options are available.

## Information for the Social Security Office

To Whom It May Concern:

MassHealth (Massachusetts Medicaid Program), requires that I apply for Medicare as a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB).

Below is a citation from the Social Security Administration's Program Operations Manual (POMS) regarding Part A Enrollments for QMBs:

- HI 00801.140 Premium-Part A Enrollments for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs) – Part A Buy-In States and Group Payer States

A. Background Part A and Part B Enrollments

**The Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) group is a Medicaid eligibility group through which states cover [sic] Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B premiums (Medical Insurance) and cost-sharing for low-income Medicare beneficiaries.** For more information on the QMB group and other related Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs), see [HI 00801.139](#) and [HI 00815.024](#).

**Medicare State Buy-in agreements facilitate the payment of Medicare premiums by States on behalf of their Medicaid recipients by removing enrollment period restrictions and any late premium enrollment penalties.** As outlined in [HI 00815.001](#), these agreements permit States to automatically enroll eligible individuals into Medicare Part B. All State Buy-in agreements include Part B for QMBs.