



## SOCIAL SECURITY

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY

A new law provides Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) to people of any age who have been exposed to health hazards in the public health emergency declaration area of Libby and Troy, Montana.

Medicare Part A helps cover inpatient care in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, some home health care, and hospice care. People with Medicare Part A may also enroll in Medicare Part B (medical insurance) which covers doctors' services, outpatient care, home health care, and some preventive services. Medicare Part B has a premium; however, depending on your family's income, you may be eligible for additional assistance through the Medicare Saving Programs with your state. People with Medicare may also get prescription drug coverage, and we may be able to provide *Extra Help* with prescription drug coverage costs. We can discuss your options while you are applying for the program.

To get this coverage you should contact us as soon as possible. You must file an application, meet certain residence requirements, and must have been diagnosed with an asbestos-related disease.

For more information about whether the new law helps you, please call our special toll-free number. That number is 1-888-482-3128. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, our TTY number is 1-406-542-5229. When you call us, we will either help you complete an application over the phone or schedule an appointment for you to come in and we will help you complete the application. We also will talk to you about any other Social Security benefits that you may be eligible to receive.

When you call or visit us, please have this letter with you.

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