



CITY of BOSTON

Health Benefits & Insurance

Dear City of Boston Retiree,

Our records indicate that you are approaching age 65. This important milestone comes with key updates regarding your health insurance. **If you have already enrolled in Medicare Part B, contact the Health Benefits & Insurance Office at 617-635-4570 for further instructions.** If you have not applied for Medicare Parts A & B, please read this letter carefully to understand the steps you must take to maintain your health coverage.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Massachusetts law requires that all City of Boston retirees, retiree spouses/eligible former spouses, and surviving spouses turning 65 must apply for Medicare Parts A and B.

- **If you are eligible to receive Medicare Part A for free, you are required to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B.** Additionally, you must transition to one of the City of Boston's Medicare Supplement Plans. These plans include prescription drug coverage and help to cover costs that are not fully covered by Medicare.
- If you are not eligible for Medicare Part A for free, you must provide documentation from the Social Security Administration (SSA) confirming your ineligibility. Failure to do so may result in termination of your health plan.

- **Apply for Medicare Parts A and B up to three months before your 65th birthday to confirm your eligibility status.** This process ensures you can either transition to a Medicare Supplement Plan or retain your current health plan without disruption.

ATTACHED MATERIALS:

The attached materials provide detailed guidance on the steps you need to take, key timelines, and important information to ensure a smooth transition. These materials include:

1. **Medicare & Your City of Boston Health Insurance:** An overview of how Medicare works with City health plans and steps to follow.
2. **Frequently Asked Questions:** Answers to some common questions related to the process.
3. **Medicare Plan Comparison Chart:** A breakdown of available City Medicare Supplement Plans.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

The City of Boston's **Health Benefits & Insurance** team is here to assist you throughout the process:

- **Phone:** 617-635-4570
- **Email:** hbi@boston.gov
- **Website:** boston.gov/retirees

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Health Benefits & Insurance Team