

PA 87-860 Medicare Law

Enacted on July 1, 1992 to amend the State Employees Group Insurance Act.

This is the Medicare reduction law. It basically states that if a member is eligible for premium free Medicare Part A, they must purchase Medicare Part B. If they do not purchase Medicare Part B, their State of Illinois Health Insurance will not cover any of the cost that Medicare Part B would have covered. It is the member's responsibility to pay those charges.

This law applies to all members and dependents age 65 or older eligible for premium free Medicare Part A on or after 7/1/92 except for:

- retirees who were age 65 and retired prior to 7/1/92
- survivors who benefits began prior to 7/1/04
- non-retired or non-survivor members and dependents of non-retired or non-survivor members
- Retired members/dependents who must purchase Medicare Part A because they do not qualify to receive premium free Part A
- Dependents who are not retired. That is a person who is not eligible to receive retirement benefits from a previous employer
- retired members/dependents under age 65

NOTE: disability recipients are subject to this law in certain cases.