United Methodist Medicare eligible individuals Q&A

1. What steps do I need to take now that my employer insurance is considered secondary to Medicare?
   1. Enroll in Medicare Part B – enrollment is handled through Social Security
      1. You will need to have two forms completed: CMS 40B and CMS L564.
         1. CMS 40B you will complete this form, include in the remarks section when you want Part B to start (January 1, 2021 if you want no break in coverage).
         2. CMS L564 – The conference will complete this form stating that you have had primary, active employer coverage through December 31, 2020.
      2. Both forms will need to be submitted to Social Security, you may mail, fax, or submit the forms online.
         1. To find the address or fax of your local Social Security office, please visit: <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>
         2. The National fax number for Part B forms only is 1-833-914-2016.
         3. Apply online at <https://secure.ssa.gov/mpboa/medicare-part-b-online-application/> you cannot save and return to this application. Must be able to upload CMS L564 form.
         4. You are strongly encouraged to call Social Security to confirm they received your Part B enrollment forms.
      3. You can enroll anytime you have primary active employer coverage or within 8 months of that coverage ending/switching to secondary or retiree coverage. If you wait to enroll in the 8 months after the change in coverage, you may have a break in insurance.
   2. Decide whether you want to enroll into the Conference’s Medicare Supplement plan with Benefits Assistance or look at other Medicare options.
      1. The conference Medicare Supplement plan does not include prescription coverage, you will need Part D prescription coverage. You have a Special Enrollment Period to enroll into coverage that goes through February 28th. However, if you do not enroll by December 31, 2020 you may not have drug coverage for January.
         1. 33 Part D drug plan options for 2021.
      2. WV SHIP can help you review your options so you can make an informed decision. WV SHIP is a program funded by the federal government through the Administration for Community Living, and provides free, objective, and confidential help to West Virginia Medicare beneficiaries and their families through one-on-one counseling and assistance.
         1. Contact WV SHIP at the WV Bureau of Senior Services 304-558-3317.