

Revisions to Form CMS 10797 (OMB 0938-1426) Application for Medicare Part A and Part B Special Enrollment Period (Exceptional Conditions)

The form was updated to add the optional collection of email addresses. In response to SSA technician's feedback, the form now includes a question that allows the applicant to select a Medicare start date. CMS' Office of Communications provided feedback on the form design and the layout of the questions. The form was redesigned to give the applicants a more user-friendly experience. No additional changes were made, and the burden was not impacted by the changes.

Changes

Updated Form	Original Form	Reason for Change	Burden Effect
Title (page 1 and page 2) Application for Medicare Part A and Part B Special Enrollment Period (Exceptional Conditions)	Application for Medicare Part A and Part B Special Enrollment Period (Exceptional Circumstances)	Updated the title to match regulation	N/A
Numbered section Section 1: Basic information	No section number	Section labels added to better organize the content and align with other Medicare Part A and Part B enrollment forms.	N/A
Added Section 2: Citizenship • Select one of four citizenship statuses: U.S. citizen or national, lawful permanent resident, Cuban/ Haitian	No citizenship section/questions	In alignment with the addition of Section 1899C, the Form CMS-10797, <i>Application for Medicare Part A and Part B Special Enrollment Period (Exceptional Circumstances)</i> has been updated to include a citizenship section to	N/A

entrant, Compact of Free Association • Alien registration number • Citizenship status effective date • Current U.S. residence status • U.S. residency start date • Residency status for the past 5 years • Addressed for the past 5 years		verify the applicant's citizenship or immigration status.	
Numbered section Section 3: Special Enrollment Period for Exceptional Conditions	No section number	Section labels added to better organize the content and align with other Medicare Part A and Part B enrollment forms.	N/A
Added Section 4: Remarks	No remarks section	Applicants can use the remarks section of they need more room to answer questions in Section 2: Citizenship	N/A
Added new SEP- Noneligible Citizen Eligible Noncitizens Select this Special Enrollment Period if you previously were not eligible for or were terminated from Medicare due to not being in one of the	N/A	Added SEP as a part of the regulation changes.	N/A

following eligibility categories after July 4, 2025: 1. A citizen or national of the United States; 2. An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act who has continuously resided in the United States for 5 years immediately preceding the first month in which they meet all other requirements for entitlement to hospital insurance; 3. An alien who has been granted the status of Cuban and Haitian entrant, as defined in section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980; or 4. An individual who lawfully resides in the United States in accordance with a Compact of Free Association referred to in 8 U.S.C. 1612(b)(2)(G)			
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If you now meet one of the above categories, as well as all other Medicare eligibility requirements, please select this Special Enrollment Period.			
Numbered section Section 5: Sign your application	No section number	Section labels added to better organize the content and align with other Medicare Part A and Part B enrollment forms.	N/A