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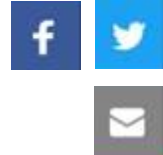
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**Facing Medicare Part B penalty?
Equitable Relief option available through June 2020**

BOISE, ID – The Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMA) have extended equitable relief for people enrolled in Medicare and the state marketplace.

Medicare beneficiaries who became eligible for and enrolled in Medicare Part A while also enrolled in a state marketplace, such as Your Health Idaho, may be eligible for equitable relief, giving them an opportunity to enroll in Medicare Part B without a penalty. CMS is offering assistance to eligible individuals who were dually enrolled in Medicare Part A and coverage through an Exchange plan and subsequently enrolled in Part B with a penalty after their initial enrollment period. This assistance provides individuals an opportunity to request a reduction in their Part B late enrollment penalty.

The Idaho Department of Insurance office of Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) is available to help Medicare beneficiaries. “This specific equitable relief is only available until June 30, 2020,” said Shannon Hohl, SHIBA Supervisor. “SHIBA cannot determine eligibility, but we encourage Medicare beneficiaries to contact us for help in understanding this option and how to apply for it.”

Anyone who believes they may be eligible for equitable relief should contact Social Security at 800-772-1213 or visit their local Social Security office and request to take advantage of equitable relief. Individuals must provide documentation reflecting their enrollment in a Your Health Idaho plan for individuals and families. Consumers with questions about this or other Medicare issues are encouraged to contact SHIBA at 800-247-4422.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to serve and protect Idahoans by equitably, effectively and efficiently administering the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit doi.idaho.gov.

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