

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

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 applicant’s 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 |
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| Title: Application for Medicare Part A and Part B Special Enrollment Period (Exceptional Circumstances) | Title: Application for Medicare Part A and Part B Special Enrollment Period (Exceptional Conditions) | Updated to plain language. | N/A |
| Instructions page | Instructions page | Updated to plain language. | N/A |
| Basic Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New, optional, email address collection Enrollment in Part B Enrollment in SEP (Exceptional Conditions) Application Signature Attachment 1 | Tell us about yourself SEP (Exceptional Conditions) Signature Attachment 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated formatting to match Medicare brand & style Updated language to align with Medicare.gov program info Linked to Medicare.gov for program details so info is current & comprehensive Added SHIPs resource language to the “Get help” section | N/A |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removed field numbers unless used for navigation (i.e. "go to item 4")• Standardized field labels across forms• Standardized the "witness" section across forms | |
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