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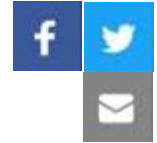
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Facing a Medicare Part B penalty?
Equitable Relief option available through September

BOISE ID – On March 1, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that 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.

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 September 30, 2017,” said Shannon Hohl, SHIBA Supervisor. “SHIBA cannot determine eligibility, but we encourage Medicare beneficiaries to contact us for help with 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 the equitable relief. Individuals must request equitable relief by September 30, 2017, and 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 equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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