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Thank you. You have completed the questionnaire section of this tool. The following table contains personalized eligibility and enrollment information based on the information you entered. Please note that Social Security will make the final decision on your eligibility and enrollment.

#### General Enrollment

If you are age 65 or older, you may file an application for Medicare benefits. To apply, please call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit or call your **local Social Security office**. Medicare has two parts: Part A and Part B. Medicare Part A, also known as hospital insurance, helps cover your inpatient care in hospitals, critical access hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. It also covers hospice care and some home health care. Medicare Part B, also known as medical insurance, helps cover your doctors' services, outpatient hospital care, and some other medical services that Medicare Part A doesn't cover, such as some of the services of physical and occupational therapists, and some home health care. Medicare Part B helps pay for these covered services and supplies when they are medically necessary. For more coverage information, please visit the **Your Medicare Coverage** section of our website.

**Note:** You will be eligible for Medicare when you turn 65 even if you are not eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. For more information, please visit our **retirement age FAQ**.

#### Part A Specific

Most people don't have to pay for Medicare Part A. You don't have to pay for Medicare Part A if you or your spouse has worked for at least 10 years in Medicare-covered employment. You can sign up at anytime for premium-free Part A. Please call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or contact your **local Social Security office** to apply.

#### Part B Specific

Most people pay monthly for Medicare Part B. The base premium for Medicare Part B is **\$308.30** in **2009**. You may sign up for Medicare Part B during the General Enrollment Period. This period runs from January 1st through March 31st of each year. During this time, you can sign up for Medicare Part B by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or by visiting or calling your **local Social Security office**. Your Medicare Part B coverage will start on July 1st of the year you sign up. The cost of Medicare Part B may go up 10% for each 12-month period that you could have had Medicare Part B but didn't take it. You will have to pay this extra amount as long as you have Medicare Part B. Go to the **Part B Late Enrollment Penalty Calculator** to calculate your Medicare Part B late-enrollment penalty if you delay enrollment.

The monthly Part B premium is deducted from your Social Security, Railroad Retirement, or Office of Personnel Management annuity check. If you don't get any of these payments, Medicare will send you a bill for your Part

B premium every 3 months.

### Recap of Your Answers

Date of Birth: **8/22/1941**

Marital Status: **Married**

Tax Filing Status: **Separate**

Type of Medicare Coverage: **Not Enrolled**

Do you have Medicaid: **No**

Are you living outside of the U.S.: **No**

Household Income Range: **Above \$128,000**

Are you receiving health benefits from employer: **No**

Retirement type: **None**

Have you worked 10 years or more in Medicare covered employment: **Yes**

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