

# How to Complete the MSPQ

## A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS

If you have Medicare benefits, the federal government requires that you answer questions at every new doctor's visits (or a series of visits at the same clinic) that occur within a 90-day window. You may be asked these questions when you schedule or check in for your appointment. This guide will help you understand why we're asking.

**Remember: Our staff is here to make sure today's services are billed correctly!**

	What it Says	What it Means
PART I	Are you receiving Black Lung (BL) benefits?	This is asking if you are getting benefits as a coal worker who has been exposed to coal dust.
	Are these services to be paid by a government research program?	This is asking if your services are (or will be) funded by a government program such as for 9/11 first responders, or if you're part of a clinical trial through the National Institutes of Health.
	Are you entitled to benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)?	To answer yes, you must be a U.S. military Veteran, and the VA must authorize and agree to pay for care at UR Medicine. Documentation is required.
	Was the illness/injury due to a work-related accident/condition?	You might still be working even if you have Medicare. This asks if today's visit is related to an on-the-job injury.
PART II	Was the illness/injury due to a non-work-related accident?	This may apply if your visit is related to an injury that occurred somewhere other than work – Ex. motor vehicle, at someone's home, etc.
PART III	Are you entitled to Medicare based on age?	You must be age 65 or older to answer yes.
	Are you entitled to Medicare based on disability?	This is asking if you have received Social Security disability benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits for at least 24 months to be eligible for Medicare based on a disability.
	Are you entitled to Medicare based on End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)?	This asks if you have permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant.

**If you answered yes to eligibility based on Age or Disability (you can't answer yes to both), you will be asked other questions related to that eligibility, including these:**

**PART  
IV  
OR V**

Are you currently employed?  
Do you have a spouse who is currently employed?

Coverage may depend on you or your spouse's employment status.

Do you have group health plan (GHP) coverage based on your own current employment?

These are asking if you currently have health insurance through your or your spouse's employer. If yes, it should be one or the other.

Do you have group health plan (GHP) coverage based on your spouse's current employment?

If you have GHP coverage based on your own current employment, does your employer that sponsors or contributes to the GHP employ 20 or more employees?

Coverage depends on whether your current employer (or your spouse's) has 20 or more employees.

If you have GHP coverage based on your spouse's current employment, does your spouse's employer that sponsors or contributes to the GHP, employ 20 or more employees?

If you have GHP coverage based on your own current employment, does your employer that sponsors or contributes to the GHP employ 100 or more employees?

Coverage depends on whether your current employer (or your spouse's) has 100 or more employees.

If you have GHP coverage based on your spouse's current employment, does your spouse's employer that sponsors or contributes to the GHP, employ 100 or more employees?

**If you answered yes to eligibility based on kidney disease/failure (ESRD), you will be asked other questions related to that eligibility, including these:**

**PART  
VI**

Do you have GHP coverage based on your own current or former employment?

This is asking if you have health insurance provided by your current or former employer.

Do you have GHP coverage through your spouse?

This is asking if you have health insurance provided by your spouse's employer.

Do you have GHP coverage through a family member other than your spouse?

This is asking if you have health insurance provided by another family member's employer.

**Still have questions?**

Your Outpatient Access Specialist (OAS) may be able to help.  
Thank you very much for your patience and cooperation!

