Revisions to Form CMS 40B (OMB 0938-1230) Application for Enrollment in Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)

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
Title: *Request* for Enrollment in Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)	Title: *Application* for Enrollment in Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)	OC plain language suggestion.	N/A
Instructions page	Instructions page	Updated to plain language.	N/A
Section 1: Basic Information • New, optional, email address collection **Section 2: Enrollment in Medicare Part B** • New question related to the applicant choosing their Medicare coverage start date. **Section 3: Signature(s)**	Questions numbered without having a specific section or category.	• 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 • Removed field numbers unless used for	N/A

Removal of Step-by-Step Instructions		navigation (i.e. "go to item 4") • Standardized field labels across forms • Standardized the "witness" section across forms • Per the Office of Communications suggestion, step-by-step instructions aren't needed on enrollment forms, as they don't add additional information	