

## Medicare & Insurance Contact Information

*This information is to assist you in thinking about Medicare and insurance coverage. The Benevolent Association does not endorse any specific insurance companies.*

### MEDICARE

Medicare toll-free number: 800-633-4227

Medicare website: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

Basic information about Medicare is provided on a separate sheet titled *Part A Medicare Benefits in 2010 (as they apply to Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association)*. If you'd like a copy, please e-mail [inquiry@chbenevolent.org](mailto:inquiry@chbenevolent.org); visit our website [www.chbenevolent.org](http://www.chbenevolent.org); or call 617-734-5600.

Copies of the following publications can be obtained by contacting Medicare at the toll free number given above, or by visiting [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and selecting "Find a Medicare Publication" within the "Search Tools" area of the home page.

- *2009 Choosing a Medigap Policy: A Guide to Health Insurance for People With Medicare* (Publication #02110)
- *Medicare & You 2010* (Publication #10050)
- *Welcome to Medicare* (Publication #11095)
- *Where to Get Your Medicare Questions Answered* (Publication #02246)

Contact the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 with questions about enrolling in Medicare, and about Medicare replacement cards and name/address changes.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

- **Group Health**-usually provided by employers
- **Indemnity** – Indemnity policies pay a fixed daily rate for in-patient care. The following organizations provide policies that cover Christian Science nursing:
  - SCS (Serving Christian Scientists) 800-631-7980 or [www.scsinsurance.com](http://www.scsinsurance.com)
  - AARP Health 800-227-7789 or [www.AARPhealthcare.com](http://www.AARPhealthcare.com)
- **Medigap/Medicare Supplement** – Medigap policies work in conjunction with Medicare benefits. They generally pay for Christian Science nursing charges that Medicare doesn't cover (such as deductibles) and when Medicare benefits are exhausted but the patient continues to qualify for Medicare. Most Medigap policies may be used at the BA and at other Christian Science nursing facilities that are Medicare providers.

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- **HMO** (Health Maintenance Organizations) – HMOs do not usually provide Christian Science benefits. Tufts Health Plan in Massachusetts and Rhode Island now offers a Christian Science rider for employer policies covering 50+ employees.
- **Federal Employees Health Benefits Programs** – each of these plans include Christian Science benefits. Contact your plan administrator to determine current coverage.

Government Employees' Health Association

- 800-821-6136 or 816-257-5500 or [www.geha.com](http://www.geha.com)

Mail Handlers Benefit Plan

- 800-410-7778 or [www.mhbp.com](http://www.mhbp.com)

Special Agents Mutual Benefits Association (SAMBA)

- 800-638-6589 or 301.984.1440 or [www.SambaPlans.com](http://www.SambaPlans.com)

Association Benefit Plan (administered by Coventry Health—pays Christian Science Practitioner fees only)

- 800-634-0069

- **Military Health System** – for military members and their dependents
  - By region. North: 877-874-2273; South: 800-444-5445; West: 888-874-9378
  - or [www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/](http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/)

The following booklet written for the southern California Christian Science Field is helpful in understanding insurance options:

*Resource Guide—Christian Science Nursing Care and Related Services.*

Contact: Broadview, 4570 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031; phone 323-221-9174, or visit their website at [www.csbroadview.org](http://www.csbroadview.org).

## LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Long-term care insurance is not health insurance but is intended for long-term assistance with normal activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, and mobility.

Information about **Long-Term Care Insurance for Christian Scientists** is available by contacting:

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Corporation	800-775-6000 or <a href="http://www.mutualofomaha.com">www.mutualofomaha.com</a>
SCS (Serving Christian Scientists)	800-631-7980 or <a href="http://www.scsinsurance.com">www.scsinsurance.com</a>