

## THE TWO PARTS OF MEDICARE

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There are two basic parts to the Medicare Program – Part A and Part B. The John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. has been named as the carrier for Part B of Medicare in Georgia.

### PART B

Part B allows everyone over age 65 the option of joining by paying a premium of \$3.00 per person, per month. The Federal matching \$3.00 comes from general taxes. The Supplementary Medical Insurance Program will pay eighty percent of the reasonable charges for the following services after the first \$50.00 in each calendar year:

- Physicians' and surgeons' services.
- Home health services even if you have not been in a hospital – up to 100 visits per year.
- A number of other medical and health services, such as diagnostic tests, surgical dressings and splints and rental of medical equipment.

### PART A

Part A, the basic hospital plan that begins in July 1966, will pay the cost of covered services for the following hospital and post-hospital care:

- Up to 60 days in a hospital, except for the first \$40.00, and all but \$10.00 per day for an additional 30 days for each spell of illness. There is a lifetime limit of 190 days on payments for treatment in mental hospitals.
- Up to 20 days in an extended care facility and all but \$5.00 per day for an additional 80 days for each spell of illness. These services will be provided only after a hospital stay of three days. This part of the program begins on January 1, 1967.
- Up to 100 home-health visits by nurses or other health workers in the 365 days following the release from a hospital or extended care facility.
- Eighty percent of the cost of outpatient diagnostic tests in a hospital, except for the first \$20.00, for each 20-day period of diagnostic testing.