

Received the following from NYPD Bob Howard, Pres. Port St. Lucie 10-13 Club

Subject: Fwd: 3/4s

We have just received an alert from our New York Office (See Below), which is in regards to a certain number of disability retirees who opted not to receive Medicare Part "B" when they were approved for Medicare Disability. Those retirees must keep in mind that there is no forgiveness of penalties when they reach social security normal retirement age. Also they will not be eligible to receive Medicare Reimbursement, which we fought so valiantly to receive. Further it is most likely that the city and those agencies providing a doubly covered benefit will be seeking to drop those who are no longer eligible.

**Fraternally yours,
Richard J. Carroll
Chief of Operations**

ALERT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PERMANENTLY DISABLED

Please be aware that our Office of Labor Relations, Retirees Benefit Section, Summary Program Description mandates that retirees when approved for Social Security disability must accept both Plan A and Plan B. Retirees frequently call Medicare and are told by Medicare representatives that Plan B is optional, since they are not aware of the New York City mandate. The retiree upon receiving their Medicare card indicating "A" and "B" coverage must send a copy to the Retired Employee Benefit Section, 40 Rector St., 3rd floor, New York, NY 10006, to be included in the City rebate program. Rebates are mailed each August for months that you are charged in the previous calendar year. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in loss of Health coverage. The same rule applies to spouses of retirees that are covered by the City Health plans.

If you are affected by this ruling you have until March 31st 2010 to enroll in Medicare Part "B" or be in jeopardy of loosing your health coverage.