

Social Security Questions-Answers

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Q. My husband died last week. I have three children under age 18. What records do I need to apply for his social security?

A. We will need his social security number, and if you or your children have a social security number, we will need these numbers too. We will also need your marriage certificate, the children's birth certificates, and if you have it, your husband's death cer-

tificate. If your husband worked for wages, bring his last W-2 form. If he was self-employed, bring last year's tax return. If you do not have all of these records, do not delay filing your application for benefit payments. We will help you get the records you need.

Q. I draw disability benefits. I'm 43 years old. My doctor bills are over \$30 a month. Can I get Medicare to pay my doctor bills?

A. No. One of the re-

quirements for Medicare is that you be at least age 65.

Q. I receive social security payments and I have Medicare coverage. I'm supposed to go into the hospital next week. Are there some forms I need to sign for Medicare before I go into the hospital?

A. You don't need to complete any forms for Medicare before you go into the hospital. The hospital will complete all necessary claim forms for your hospital insurance payments. Medicare

will make payments directly to the hospital.

Q. I have been to see doctors in three different states. How do I go about filing Medicare claims?

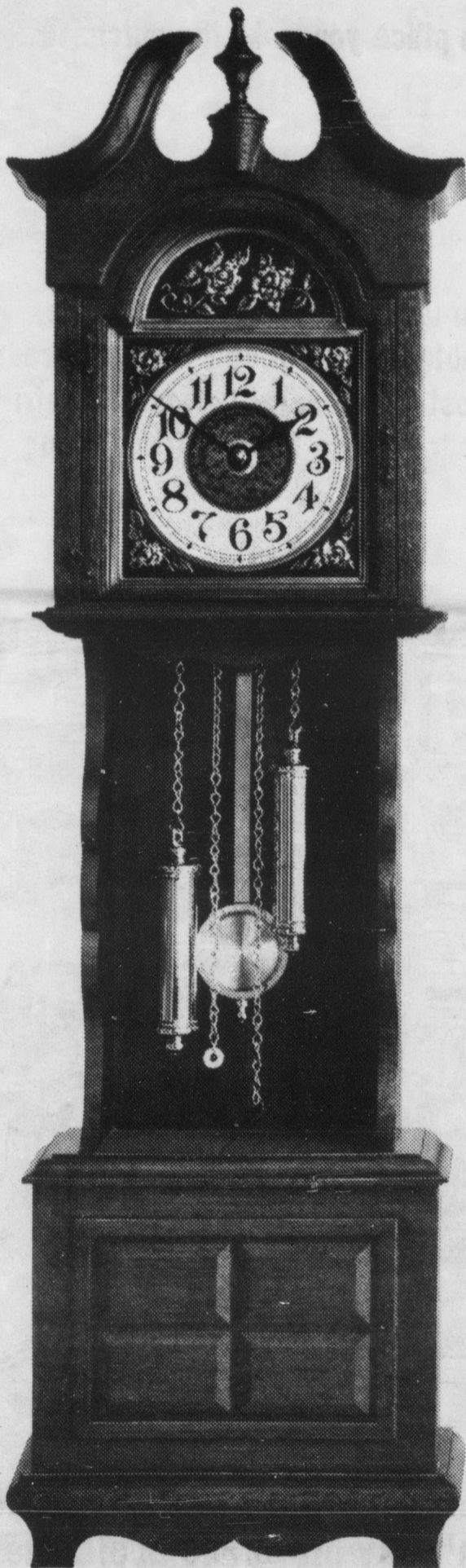
A. You will file three different Medicare claims. One for the doctor in each state. Your Medicare Handbook has the proper address. If you need help, we will be happy to assist you.

Q. I will be age 65 next year. I do not plan to retire, but I want to sign up for Me-

dicare. Do I have to retire to qualify for Medicare?

A. No, you do not have to retire to qualify for Medicare. You should be sure to apply for Medicare before the month in which you reach age 65. You will need old evidence of your date of birth, just as tho you were applying for monthly cash payments.

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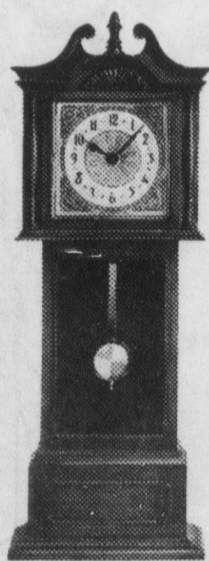
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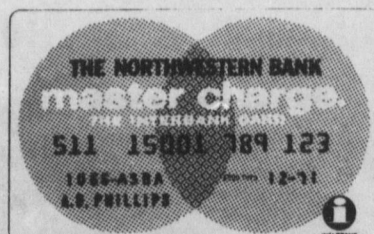
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