

## 42 U.S. Code § 1395rr-1

# Medicare coverage for individuals exposed to environmental health hazards

### (a) Deeming of individuals as eligible for medicare benefits

#### (1) In general

For purposes of eligibility for benefits under this subchapter, an individual determined under subsection (c) to be an environmental exposure affected individual described in subsection (e)(2) shall be deemed to meet the conditions specified in section 426(a) of this title.

#### (2) Discretionary deeming

For purposes of eligibility for benefits under this subchapter, the Secretary may deem an individual determined under subsection (c) to be an environmental exposure affected individual described in subsection (e)(3) to meet the conditions specified in section 426(a) of this title.

#### (3) Effective date of coverage

An Individual  $^{[1]}$  who is deemed eligible for benefits under this subchapter under paragraph (1) or (2) shall be -

- (A) entitled to benefits under the program under Part <sup>1</sup> A as of the date of such deeming; and
- (B) eligible to enroll in the program under  $Part^1B$  beginning with the month in which such deeming occurs.

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