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Widow, age 71

- o Will retire from a private university this year
- o Currently covered by group health insurance plan
- o Deceased husband was a veteran

Are there any special benefits or considerations this lady should consider as she contemplates coverage from Medicare? Is she eligible to coordinate Medicare and some form for VA benefits somehow?

- ▶ If she wants Medicare coverage, she will need to take the necessary steps:
 - Enroll in [REDACTED] during [REDACTED].
 - Elect and enroll in [REDACTED] or a [REDACTED].
- ▶ In certain cases, a surviving spouse may qualify for healthcare benefits. (See link below.) However, [REDACTED].
 - In general, VA healthcare is [REDACTED].
 - The VA cannot [REDACTED] except in rare, approved situations.
- ▶ Check this link:
 - Health care for surviving spouses — [REDACTED]

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