Who is eligible for Part B (Medical Insurance) benefits?

Anyone who is eligible for Part A ( Hospital Insurance), whether automatically or through payment of Part A premiums (including disabled individuals who lose entitlement to automatic Part A benefits but may still enroll by paying premiums), may enroll in Part B (Medical Insurance). Even if a person does not qualify for Part A benefits, that person may enroll in Part B (Medical Insurance) as long as he is at least age sixty-five, a U.S. resident and either (1) a U.S. citizen or (2) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence who has resided in the United States continuously during the five years immediately prior to the month in which he applies for enrollment in Part B.