

MISSING PERSONS

Nearly 2 million persons are being sought in a huge missing persons hunt being conducted by the Social Security Administration.

Pat O'Marra, social security district manager in Juneau, said these people may be eligible for hospital and medical insurance benefits provided by the Social Security Amendments of 1965.

These people 65 or over are now eligible under the new broad program of health insurance known popularly as Medicare. But, they are unknown to the Social Security Administration because they have not taken steps to sign up under the program.

The missing persons are divided into two groups, O'Marra said. Over 900,000 are those over 65 who have never filed claims for benefits, usually because they are still working. Another 800,000 over 65 do not have enough credit for work under social security to get benefits.

These missing persons or members of their families are urged to get in touch with their social security offices without delay to establish benefit rights so they can receive health insurance and other benefits when the program goes into effect July 1, 1966.

O'Marra said people who are still working or those who can't file in person should write the nearest office and applications will be mailed. The addresses are Box 133, Juneau and Box 2139, Anchorage.