

2009 Medicare Premiums

Rates effective January 1, 2009



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The 2009 Medicare premium, coinsurance, and deductible amounts have been released. These rates and coinsurance amounts will be effective January 1, 2009 for all Medicare beneficiaries. For the first time since 2000, there is no increase in the **standard Medicare Part B** premium or deductible. Earlier this year officials discovered that money was being withdrawn from the Medicare Part B reserves to cover hospice care. This discovery has led to a gain in the reserve of \$9.3 billion. The **standard Medicare Part B** premium will remain **\$96.40/ month** and the annual Medicare Part B deductible for 2009 will stay **\$135.00**. There has been an increase in the **1st day Medicare Part A** deductible for 2009. This deductible will increase from \$1,024.00 to \$1,068.00. Medicare Part D thresholds for 2009 have also increased.

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Please see the charts below for all changes in the Medicare A Coinsurance, Medicare Part B income-based premiums and updated Medicare Part D coverage thresholds.

Medicare Part A Costs

<u>Part A Service</u>	<u>You Pay in 2009</u>
Inpatient Hospital Days 1-60	\$1,068.00 Deductible
Inpatient Hospital Days 61-90	\$267.00 per day
Inpatient Hospital Days 90 and beyond	\$534.00 per day
Skilled Nursing Facility Days 1-20	\$0 per day
Skilled Nursing Facility Days 21-100	\$133.50 per day

Medicare Part B INCOME BASED Monthly Premiums

<u>You Pay in 2009</u>	<u>If Your Yearly Income is</u>	
Part B	<i>Single</i>	<i>Married Couple</i>
\$96.40	\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less
\$134.90	\$85,001-\$107,000	\$170,001-\$214,000
\$192.70	\$107,001-\$160,000	\$214,001-\$320,000
\$250.50	\$160,001-\$213,000	\$320,001-\$426,000
\$308.30	Above \$213,000	Above \$426,000

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You Pay in 2009	If You Are Married but You File a Separate Tax Return From Your Spouse and Your Yearly Income is
\$96.40	Under \$85,000 or less
\$250.50	\$85,001-\$128,000
\$308.30	Above \$128,000

Medicare Part D Coverage

<u>Initial Coverage:</u> Cost is shared by vendor and individual (copay levels)	up to \$2,700 in TOTAL Rx Costs
<u>Donut Hole:</u> Individual pays 100% of the cost	until Individual pays \$4,350 TOTAL out-of-pocket
<u>Catastrophic Coverage:</u> Cost is shared by vendor and individual (copay levels)	after Individual pays \$4,350 in TOTAL Rx out-of-pocket

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