



Medicare Premium and Deductible Information Released for 2011

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released Medicare Part A and Part B premiums and deductibles for 2011. The majority of Part B beneficiaries will not see an increase in their premium due to the hold harmless provision of the Social Security Act, which does not allow a Part B increase for those who qualified Social Security recipients when the cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase is not large enough to support it. In 2011, there will be no COLA for Social Security recipients.

Medicare Part B Monthly Cost:

| YOU PAY IN 2011 | IF YOUR YEARLY INCOME IS | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | SINGLE | MARRIED COUPLE |
| \$115.40 | \$85,000 or less | \$170,000 or less |
| \$161.50 | \$85,001-\$107,000 | \$170,001-\$214,000 |
| \$230.70 | \$107,001-\$160,000 | \$214,001-\$320,000 |
| \$299.90 | \$160,001-\$214,000 | \$320,001-\$428,000 |
| \$369.10 | Above \$214,000 | Above \$428,000 |

2011 Out-of-Pocket Costs for Part B:

| ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE FOR COVERED SERVICES | COINSURANCE |
|--|-------------|
| \$162.00 | 20% |

2011 Out-of-Pocket Costs for Part A:

| PART A SERVICE | YOU PAY IN 2011 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Inpatient Hospital Days 1-60 | \$1,132.00 Deductible |
| Inpatient Hospital Days 61-90 | \$283.00 per day |
| Inpatient Hospital Days 91-150 | \$566.00 per day |
| Inpatient Hospital Days 151+ | 100% of Costs |
| Skilled Nursing Facility Days 1-20 | \$0 per day |
| Skilled Nursing Facility Days 21-100 | \$141.50 per day |

Individuals Protected by Hold Harmless Provision:

| TYPE OF BENEFICIARY | HOLD HARMLESS APPLIES? | PART B PREMIUM INCREASE? |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Premium Withheld from Social Security Check, Not Income-Related | Yes | No |
| Premium Withheld, Pays Income-Related Premium | No | Yes |
| New Beneficiaries | No | Yes |

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