



The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the 2017 Medicare Part A & B premium and deductible costs on November 10, 2016.

Part B Premium

The Social Security Administration (SSA) announced that the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security will be 0.3% for 2017. Due to this cost-of-living increase Medicare beneficiaries will see an increase in their Part B premium. Because of the SSA “hold harmless” provision designed to protect seniors about 70% of Medicare beneficiaries will pay **\$109.00** Part B premium **in 2017**. This is up from **\$104.90** in 2016.

The remaining 30% of Medicare beneficiaries who are not protected by the “hold harmless” provision will see their Part B premium increase to \$134.00 for 2017. This is up from \$121.80 in 2016.

The following groups of Medicare beneficiaries are not subject to the “hold harmless” provision and will pay \$134.00 for Medicare Part B.

Those beneficiaries who are not collecting Social Security and are paying SSA directly for Medicare Part B.

These beneficiaries have the letter “T” following their Medicare claim number.

Those who enroll in Medicare Part B for the first time in 2017;

Beneficiaries who pay an additional income-related premium; and

Dual eligible beneficiaries who have their premium paid by Medicaid.

Part B Deductible

The Medicare Part B deductible will increase from \$166.00 in 2016 to \$183.00 in 2017.

Medicare Part A Premium

Most people do not pay a Medicare Part A premium because they or a spouse have at least 40 quarters of Medicare-covered employment. Individuals with 30 to 90 quarters of coverage may buy into Medicare Part A at a premium amount of \$227.00 in 2017, a \$1.00 increase from 2016. Those with less than 30 quarters of coverage may obtain Medicare Part A coverage by paying a monthly premium of \$413.00 in 2017, a \$2.00 increase from 2016.

Medicare Part A Deductibles and Coinsurance

The Part A deductible and coinsurance amounts paid by a beneficiary when admitted as a hospital inpatient and into a skilled nursing facility will be increasing in 2017.

Inpatient hospital deductible

2016-\$1,288, 2017-\$1,316.

Daily coinsurance for 61st-90th day

2016-\$322, 2017-\$329.

Daily coinsurance for lifetime reserve days 2016-\$644, 2017-\$658.

Skilled Nursing Facility coinsurance 2016-\$161, 2017-\$164.50.