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MEDICARE PART A AND PART B PREMIUMS

Discussion of Medicare Part A and Part B Premiums is found in the **INCOME MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM**.

Monthly Medicare Part A premium, effective January 1 each year

Year	Monthly Amount
2006	\$393 per month
2007	\$410 per month
2008	\$423 per month
2009	\$244 per month-- for persons having 30-39 quarters * \$443 per month-- not otherwise eligible for premium-free hospital insurance and have less than 30 quarters
2010	\$244 per month-- for persons having 30-39 quarters * \$443 per month-- not otherwise eligible for premium-free hospital insurance and have less than 30 quarters

Monthly Medicare Part B standard premium, effective January 1 each year

Year	Monthly Amount
2006	\$88.50 per month
2007	\$93.50 per month*
2008	\$96.40 per month*
2009	\$96.40 per month*
2010	\$96.40 per month--if previously enrolled in Medicare \$110.50 per month—if newly applying for Medicare or not protected by “hold harmless” provisions [See below]

* Beginning 2007, some enrollees will pay a higher Part B premium based on their income. The standard is posted above. Local districts may see higher premium amounts, up to a maximum of \$238.40.

NOTE: Under a “hold-harmless” provision of federal law, basic Medicare Part B premiums in any year cannot rise higher than that year’s COLA.

The Hold Harmless provision does not apply to the following individuals who must pay a higher premium:

Individuals whose income is above \$85,000 or by a married individual when the couple’s combined income is over \$170,000.

Individuals who do not have the Part B premium deducted from their Social Security benefit. This includes individuals who are on the Medicare Buy-In program and have their premiums paid for them. The increased premium will be paid by the State.