MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT

- When you turn 65 years old you must apply for Medicare Parts A & B (Exceptions Apply). www.ssa.gov/medicare
- Part A covers hospital stays, hospice care, rehabilitation facilities, and skilled nursing care.
- Part B covers physician visits, and lab tests.
- Prior to turning 65 the City of New York paid for 100% of your medical coverage needs
- Once you apply for Medicare, Medicare now provides 80% of your medical coverage while your existing city insurance (GHI, Emblem Health, HIP) will be switched over to a supplemental plan which covers the other 20%.
- Your city health plan will provide you with new supplemental insurance cards to reflect your new coverage through NYC. There is no action needed on your part.
- Out of state residents might want to consider switching your supplemental coverage, (other 20% coverage) depending on where you live, or staying with your existing coverage if you snowbird back to NYC.
- Medicare Part A is free; there is an associated monthly cost for Medicare Part B.
- The current Medicare Part B rate as of January 2027 is $209.50 per person, per month.
- Medicare also imposes a monthly premium for Part D prescription drug coverage, (see IRMMA chart).
- If you receive Social Security, Medicare Part B premiums will be collected through your S.S. check.
- If you are not collecting SS, you will be billed quarterly directly from Medicare.
- **The City of New York reimburses all Medicare eligible retirees and their spouses for their Part B premiums only**.

NOTE: Members will be solicited with mailings prior to their 65th birthday re: signing up for Medicare Part B Advantage Plans. With few exceptions, members can mostly ignore these mailings as most members choose traditional Medicare coverage 80%, while utilizing their supplemental city coverage, 20% to cover 100% of their doctor and hospital needs. Members and their spouse are covered for prescription drugs, optical, and dental benefits by the Superior Officers Council.

- To receive reimbursement from the City of N.Y. you must make a copy of your Medicare card and fill out the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application form, found at NYC.GOV/OLR.

- Mail card and form to: Office of Labor Relations, Health Benefits Program
  Attn: Medicare Unit, 12 th Floor
  22 Courtlandt Street, N.Y. N.Y. 10007.

- Send electronically at: https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net/
- **SEND BOTH BY MAIL AND ELECTRONICALLY TO ENSURE OLR RECEIVES APPLICATION**

- Members and their eligible spouses only need to sign up for the basis Medicare Part B reimbursement **once** in their lifetime.

- Reimbursement is paid every April for the prior year. Members who have direct deposit will receive Part B payment through the same account that is used for their pension payments. All others will have check mailed directly to them.

- Medicare eligible dependents will also receive Part B reimbursement by signing up for the program just as the member on the Office of Labor Relations website.

- **NOTE**: Spouses/Domestic Partners of members whose deaths are directly attributable to an injury/illness related to their receiving an Accident Disability Pension continue to receive the Medicare Reimbursement. This is due to the City continuing to pay for their health insurance at a reduced Medicare rate.

IRMAA

Income Related Monthly Adjusted Amount

Below are this year's Medicare basic Part B STANDARD and IRMMA premium amounts, Tier 1 through 5.

Tier	Single / HOH (2025 MAGI)	Married filing jointly	Married filing separately*	Part B / month	Part D add-on
Standard	$112,000 or less	$224,000 or less	$112,000 or less	$209.50	$0
1	More than $112,000, up to $141,000 (or $142,000)	More than $224,000, up to $282,000 (or $284,000)	Not used	$293.30	+$15.40
2	More than $141,000 (or $142,000), up to $176,000 (or $177,000)	More than $282,000 (or $284,000), up to $352,000 (or $354,000)	Not used	$419.00	+$39.70
3	More than $176,000 (or $177,000), up to $211,000 (or $212,000)	More than $352,000 (or $354,000), up to $422,000 (or $424,000)	Not used	$544.70	+$64.00
4	More than $211,000 (or $212,000), under $500,000	More than $422,000 (or $424,000), under $750,000	More than $112,000, under $388,000	$670.40	+$88.30
5	$500,000 or more	$750,000 or more	$388,000 or more	$712.30	+$96.40

- In addition to the basic Medicare Part B payment your monthly Medicare premiums may be increased based on your yearly modified adjusted gross income.

- Unlike the Basic Part B application process, members will have to apply **every year** for their IRMMA reimbursement with the Office of Labor Relations.

- Medicare will look back for two years at your adjusted gross income to determine if you fit into the IRMMA category. So, for 2027 they will look at your 2025 income.

- Single filers making more than $112,000.00, or joint filers making more than $224,000.00 will pay more than the basic monthly Medicare cost of $209.50 per month. This is called Income Related Monthly Adjusted Amount or IRMMA

- Based on your yearly adjusted gross income the Income Related Monthly Adjusted Amount may fluctuate year by year. One year you might pay IRMAA, other years you may not pay IRMAA. (sale of a home, large distribution from your retirement accounts might trigger IRMMA for a particular year).

- If you are collecting Social Security, you will receive a benefits letter in November from SS stating your cost for the following year and if you will have to pay IRMMA.

- If you are not yet collecting SS The Center for Medicare Services will bill you quarterly.

- To collect an IRMMA reimbursement from NYC you must submit a copy of SS benefits letter, form SSA -1099, and IRMMA Reimbursement form to NYC.GOV/OLR and to OLR address above.

- To collect IRMMA if you are not yet collecting Social Security, you must upload Medicare Part B IRMAA Reimbursement Form and all canceled checks or bank statements for the year in question to the OLR web portal at https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net/

- The yearly IRMMA application for the previous year will appear on the OLR website several weeks after the Medicare basic reimbursement has been paid. **Ex; 2025 IRMMA application will appear in April of 2026.** Form should not be submitted until after you receive basic Medicare reimbursement payment.

- IRMMA will be paid in October via direct deposit or by mail if there is no direct deposit.

- Members should be aware that certain circumstances, such as selling a home, receiving two required minimum distribution within one calendar year, or doing a Roth conversion may increase your IRMMA commitment.

Please use below site for all OLR Forms and current information.
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-responsibilities-assistance.page

- Along with the stated IRMMA surcharges for your Part B coverage, Medicare also assesses a Medicare Part D plan, (prescription drug coverage) surcharge. The 2027 surcharge will range between $15.40 and $ 96.40 depending on your Modified Adjusted Gross Income. Medicare eligible members and their spouses, (if applicable), will be assessed this monthly amount per member, per month.

  The Office of Labor Relations does NOT provide reimbursement for Medicare Part D drug premiums.