



Medicare Part B Premium Costs in 2010

The Part B premium is increased each year, if necessary, to fund about 25% of the projected cost of Part B. In 2010, most people will continue to pay the 2009 Part B premium of \$96.40, even though the 2010 standard monthly Part B premium is \$110.50.

Why will most people continue to pay \$96.40 for their Part B premium?

Most people have their Part B premium deducted from their monthly Social Security benefit check. In 2010, Social Security benefits won't include a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), which means Social Security benefit checks won't increase. However, the Social Security Act protects most people from having a decrease in their Social Security benefits from one year to the next because of an increase in the Part B premium. This means that most people who have the Part B premium deducted from their Social Security benefit check will continue to pay \$96.40 each month.

Who will pay \$110.50 (or more) for their Part B premium?

In 2010, the following people aren't protected and will pay the standard \$110.50 or more for their Part B premium:

- People who get Part B beginning January 1, 2010, or later (new enrollees) will pay the increased premium.
- People with incomes above certain amounts will pay the premiums listed in the table below.

Your Yearly Income in 2008		
File Individual Tax Return	File Joint Tax Return	You Pay a Part B premium of
\$85,001–\$107,000	\$170,001–\$214,000	\$154.70
\$107,001–\$160,000	\$214,001–\$320,000	\$221.00
\$160,001–\$214,000	\$320,001–\$428,000	\$287.30
above \$214,000	above \$428,000	\$353.60



Who will pay \$110.50 (or more) for their Part B premium? (continued)

- People who have Part B but don't get Social Security benefits will pay the increased Part B premium.

States that pay the Part B premium on behalf of people with Medicaid will pay the increased Part B premium.

For more information about your Part B premium

Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 if you have questions about your Part B premium or COLA. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778. You can also visit www.socialsecurity.gov.