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Key 2012 Medicare Values Announced

This For Your Information provides key [2012 Medicare values](#) just released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including the income-adjusted Medicare Part B premiums as prescribed by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA).

Medicare Part A Premium

The premium to purchase Medicare Part A coverage for older Americans and certain disabled persons uninsured under Medicare Part A will be \$451 per month for the 12-month period beginning January 1, 2012, up from \$450 per month in 2011. The premium for certain individuals entitled to a reduced monthly premium will be \$248 for the 12-month period beginning January 1, 2012, the same amount as in 2011.

Medicare Part A Deductible and Coinsurance Amounts

The Medicare Part A inpatient hospital deductible will be \$1,156 in 2012, up from \$1,132 in 2011, for up to 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care in a benefit period. The Medicare Part A daily coinsurance amounts in 2012 will be \$289 for the 61st through 90th day of hospitalization in a benefit period, \$578 per day for lifetime reserve days, and \$144.50 for the 21st through the 100th day of extended care services in a skilled nursing facility in a benefit period. The corresponding figures for 2011 were \$283, \$566 and \$141.50 respectively.

Medicare Part B Premium

The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B will be \$99.90 in 2012. The 2011 standard premium rate was \$115.40. However, due to a “hold harmless” provision in the law, a majority of beneficiaries paid \$96.40 per month in 2011.

Under the MMA, as amended by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Medicare beneficiaries with higher incomes must pay a larger portion of their Medicare Part B premium amounts based on a predetermined formula.

The following charts show the 2012 Medicare Part B monthly premiums based on income and income tax filing status.

Individual Filing Status	Married Filing Jointly Status	2012 Monthly Premium
Income up to \$85,000	Up to \$170,000	\$99.90
\$85,001 - \$107,000	\$170,001 - \$214,000	\$139.90
\$107,001 - \$160,000	\$214,001 - \$320,000	\$199.80
\$160,001 - \$214,000	\$320,001 - \$428,000	\$259.70
More than \$214,000	More than \$428,000	\$319.70

Married Filing Separately, Lived With Spouse During Tax Year	2012 Monthly Premium
Income up to \$85,000	\$99.90
\$85,001 - \$129,000	\$259.70
More than \$129,000	\$319.70

Medicare Part B Deductible

The Medicare Part B deductible will be \$140.00 for 2012. The deductible in 2011 was \$162.00.

Conclusion

Buck's consultants are available to discuss these 2012 Medicare figures and their implications for your health plans.

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