

# Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance & Premium Rates: CY 2026 Update

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#### **Affected Providers**

- Physicians
- Hospitals
- Suppliers
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services

#### **Action Needed**

Make sure your billing staff knows about CY 2026 Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B:

- Deductibles
- Coinsurance rates
- Premiums

# **Background**

#### **Deductibles & Coinsurance**

Patients using covered Part A and Part B services may be subject to deductible and coinsurance requirements, which is the percentage of costs the patient may pay.





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During a spell of illness, a patient is responsible for an inpatient hospital deductible. Medicare subtracts the deductible amount from the amount payable to the hospital for inpatient hospital services it provides. When a patient gets such services for more than 60 days during a spell of illness, they're responsible for a coinsurance amount equal to one-fourth of the inpatient hospital deductible for each day of days 61–90 spent in the hospital. A patient has 60 lifetime reserve days of coverage, which they may use after day 90 in a spell of illness. The coinsurance amount for these days is equal to one-half of the inpatient hospital deductible.

For skilled nursing facility (SNF) services, a patient is responsible for a coinsurance amount equal to one-eighth of the inpatient hospital deductible per day for days 21–100 during a spell of illness.

#### **Premiums**

Most people age 65 and older, and many people with a disability under age 65, have Part A benefits without a premium payment. The Social Security Act states that certain aged and people with a disability who aren't insured may voluntarily enroll, but they must pay a monthly premium. Since 1994, voluntary enrollees may qualify for a reduced premium if they have 30–39 quarters of covered employment. All enrollees are subject to a Part B monthly premium, and most Part B-covered services are subject to an annual deductible and coinsurance.

When voluntary enrollment takes place more than 12 months after a person's initial enrollment period, we add:

- A 10% penalty for twice the number of years they could enroll in Part A but didn't
- A 10% increase in the premium for each year they could enroll in Part B but didn't

## **Key Updates**

We updated the <u>Medicare General Information</u>, <u>Eligibility and Entitlement Manual</u>, <u>Chapter 3</u>, sections 10.3, 20.2, and 20.6 with the CY 2026 Part A and Part B deductible, coinsurance, and premium amounts.

### **2026 Part A — Hospital Insurance**

Part A deductible: \$1,736

- Part A coinsurance:
  - \$434 a day for days 61–90
  - \$868 a day for days 91–150 (lifetime reserve days)
  - \$217 a day for days 21–100 (SNF coinsurance)
- Part A base premium (BP): \$565 a month
- Part A BP with 10% surcharge: \$621.50 a month
- Part A BP with 45% reduction: \$311 a month (for those who have 30–39 quarters of coverage)
- Part A BP with 45% reduction and 10% surcharge: \$342.10 a month



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#### 2026 Part B — Supplementary Medical Insurance

Part B deductible: \$283 a year

• Part B coinsurance: 20%

Part B standard premium: \$202.90 a month

Pro rata data amount:

\$191.17 first month

• \$91.83 second month

Part B immunosuppressive drug coverage only premium: \$121.60 a month

#### **More Information**

We issued CR 14279 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. For more information, find your MAC's website.

## **Document History**

| Date of Change   | Description               |
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| December 5, 2025 | Initial article released. |

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