



What You Should Know About Social Security Premium Withholds

When you join a Medicare prescription drug plan, you can choose to have premiums deducted automatically from your monthly Social Security benefit. Depending on when you enroll, it could take about two months from the time your Medicare drug plan submits the request for the premium deductions to start. You don't have to do anything to pay your monthly Medicare drug plan premiums until the automatic premium deduction starts.

The first time premiums are withheld from your Social Security benefit, you should expect that two monthly premium amounts will be withheld at the same time. In some cases, it could take three months and three months worth of premiums could be deducted at the same time. You will never have a deduction that is more than three months worth of premiums. If for any reason your Social Security premium withhold request is delayed longer than three months, Medicare will stop your request and ask your Medicare drug plan to bill you directly for premiums.

If you have any questions about any issues related to paying your drug plan premiums, contact your Medicare drug plan. Their customer service number is printed on your membership card.