



Getting Medicare right

Original Medicare Costs in 2012

Hospital Insurance (Part A)

- **Premium:** Free if you've worked 10 years or more
\$248 per month if you've worked 7.5 to 10 years
\$451 per month if you've worked fewer than 7.5 years
- **Deductible:** \$1,156 each benefit period
- **Hospital Copayment:** \$0 for the first 60 days of inpatient care each benefit period
\$289 per day for days 61-90 each benefit period
\$578 per **lifetime reserve day** after day 90 in a benefit period
(You have 60 lifetime reserve days that can only be used once. They're not renewable.)
- **Skilled Nursing Facility Copayment:** \$0 for the first 20 days of inpatient care each benefit period
\$144.50/day for days 21-100 each benefit period

Medical Insurance (Part B)

- **Premium:** \$99.90 per month
- **Deductible:** \$140 per year
- **Coinsurance:** 20% for most services Part B covers

Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)

Each Part D plan charges a different premium and deductible.

- **Premium:** Average is \$31.08 per month
- **Deductible:** No more than \$320 per year

Definitions

Premium — The monthly fee you pay to have Medicare

Deductible — What you must pay before Medicare starts paying for your care

Copayment / Coinsurance — The amount you pay for each service

Benefit period — A benefit period begins the day you start getting inpatient care. It ends when you haven't received inpatient hospital or skilled nursing facility care for 60 days in a row.