



**Medicare Part B:
Medical-Insurance Covered Services for 2008**

Services	Benefit	Medicare Pays	You Pay
MEDICAL EXPENSES Doctors services, inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services and supplies, physical and speech therapy, diagnostic tests, durable medical equipment, and other services	Unlimited if medically necessary	80% of approved amount (after \$135 deductible) 50% of approved charges for most outpatient mental health services	\$135 deductible plus 20% of approved amount and limited charges above approved amount
CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES Blood tests, urinalyses and more	Unlimited if medically necessary	Generally 100% of approved amount	Nothing for services
HOME HEALTH CARE Part-time or intermittent skilled care, home health aide services, durable medical equipment and supplies, and other services.	Unlimited as long as you meet Medicare conditions	100% of approved amount; 80% of approved amount for durable medical equipment	Nothing for services; 20% of approved amount for durable medical equipment
OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL TREATMENT Services for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury	Unlimited if medically necessary	Medicare payment to hospital based on hospital cost	20% of billed amount (after \$124 deductible)
BLOOD	Unlimited if medically necessary	80% of approved amount (after \$131 deductible and starting with 4 th pint)	First 3 pints plus 20% of approved amount for additional pints (after \$131 deductible)

2008 Part B Monthly Premium: \$96.40* (Premium may be higher if you enroll late.)

(*) As required in the Medicare Modernization Act, in 2008, single beneficiaries with annual incomes over \$820,000 and married couples with incomes over \$164,000 will pay a higher percentage of the cost of Medicare Part B coverage, reducing Medicare's share. These higher-income beneficiaries will pay a monthly premium equal to 35, 50, 65, or 80 percent of the total cost, depending on their income level, by the end of the 3-year transition period.

See following page for additional information re Part B premiums.



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Monthly Premiums**

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For 2008, the higher-income beneficiaries will be responsible for one-third of the income-related monthly adjustment amount.

The 2008 Part B monthly premium rates to be paid by beneficiaries who file an individual tax return (including those who are single, head of household, qualifying widow(er) with dependent child, or married filing separately who lived apart from their spouse for the entire taxable year), or joint tax return are:

Beneficiaries who file an individual tax return with income:	Beneficiaries who file a joint tax return with income:	Total monthly premium amount
Less than or equal to \$82,000	Less than or equal to \$164,000	\$96.40
\$82,001 to 102,000	\$164,000 to \$204,000	\$122.20
\$102,001 to \$153,000	\$204,001 to \$306,000	\$160.90
\$153,000 to \$205,000	\$306,001 to \$410,000	\$199.70
Over \$205,000	Over \$410,000	\$238.40

In addition, the monthly premium rates to be paid by beneficiaries who are married, but file a separate return from their spouse and lived with their spouse at some time during the taxable year are:

Beneficiaries who are married but file a separate tax return from their spouse:	Total monthly premium amount
Less than or equal to \$82,000	\$96.40
\$82,001 to \$123,000	\$199.70
Over \$123,000	\$238.40

An estimated 4 percent of current Part B enrollees are expected to be subject to the higher premium amounts. The proportion of beneficiaries paying income-related premiums of \$105.80, \$124.40, \$142.90, or \$161.40 are estimated to be 1.3 percent, 1.2 percent, 0.5 percent, and 0.8 percent, respectively.

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