

2010 Medicare (Part B): Medical Insurance

| Service | Benefit | Medicare Pays | You Pay |
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| Medical Expenses | Physician's services, some diagnostic tests, physical and speech therapy, ambulance, etc. | 80% of approved amount (after \$155.00 deductible) 55% of approved amount for out-patient treatment of mental illness | \$155.00 deductible* plus 20% of approved amount (plus any charge above approved amount)** 45% of approved amount on out-patient mental illness claims |
| Home Health Care | Visits limited to medically necessary part-time skilled care of a homebound individual | Full cost of services (See Durable Medical Equipment) | Nothing |
| Outpatient Hospital Services | Medically necessary treatment such as outpatient surgery, diagnostic procedures, emergency room, etc. | A set amount for each specific procedure | Subject to deductible plus copayment or coinsurance for each procedure |
| Durable Medical Equipment (DME) | Medically necessary equipment and supplies such as walkers, wheel chairs, hospital beds, etc. | 80% of approved amount (after \$155.00 deductible) | 20% of approved amount plus \$155.00 deductible, plus charges above approved amount unless supplier accepts assignment |

* Once you have had \$155.00 of expenses for covered services, the Part B deductible is met for the rest of the calendar year.

** You pay for charges higher than the amount approved by Medicare unless the doctor or supplier agrees to accept Medicare's approved amount as payment in full (accepts assignment). Excess charges for physician services cannot exceed 15% of the Medicare approved amount.

Medicare Part D pays for outpatient prescription drugs you can take on your own. However, Medicare Part A or B helps pay for certain oral anti-cancer drugs, and immunosuppressive drugs taken after an organ transplant.

Note: The Part B monthly premium is \$96.40 in 2010 for the majority of individuals. The premium is \$110.50 for new enrollees in 2010; people who do not have premiums withheld from SSA benefit including those who qualify for Medicare/Medicaid and have their Part B premium paid by Medicaid. In addition, beneficiaries who have an income greater than \$85,000 may experience monthly Part B premiums anywhere from \$154.70 to \$353.60.