

# New York City Office of Labor Relations Health Benefits Program



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### 2022 Medicare Part B Premium Reimbursement

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The standard reimbursement amount for Calendar Year 2022 is \$170.10 per person, per month. The reimbursement is automatically issued in April of each year. If you are currently receiving your pension check through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)or direct deposit, your Medicare Part B reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account. This will be a separate payment from your pension payment. If you don't have EFT or direct deposit, you will receive a check in the mail in April.

**Question: How do I enroll for the Medicare Part B reimbursement?** 

Answer: Complete the <u>Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application</u> and return it with a copy of **your** Medicare card to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit or submit your documents electronically using the following secure link: https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net.

Question: I am a City retiree. Is my spouse/domestic partner/Medicare-eligible dependent entitled to the Medicare Part B reimbursement?

Answer: Yes. They are eligible if they are covered under your City health plan and enrolled in Medicare Part B
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Question: Many people received their reimbursement and I didn't get mine yet. What should I do?

Answer: Medicare reimbursements were deposited directly into the same account that you use for your pension payment. Please check your bank statement.

Question: I don't have direct deposit for my pension payment and still have not received my Medicare reimbursement. What should I do?

Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Please include your name, retiree spouse's name (if applicable) last four digits of the retiree's Social Security number, retiree's pension, current address, telephone number, email address and a copy of your Medicare card/your spouse's Medicare card (if applicable) as well as one of the required documents mentioned above. You can also submit your letter and documents electronically using the following secure link: <a href="https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net">https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net</a> This review process may take up to 8 weeks from receipt of the above information.

#### Ouestion: The reimbursement I received is not the correct amount. What should I do?

Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include your name, last four digits of your Social Security number, current address and telephone number, and a copy of your Medicare card. State the reason you believe the amount is incorrect. You can also submit your letter and documents electronically using the following secure link: <a href="https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net">https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net</a> This process may take up to 8 weeks from receipt of the information.

#### Question: The check that I received is torn/ripped and the bank will not cash it. What should I do?

Answer: You should return the check to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include your name and last four digits of your Social Security number. It may take up to 8 weeks for a replacement check to be issued.

## Question: I am the retiree and received a reimbursement for my spouse/domestic partner/Medicareeligible dependent who died during the reimbursement year. What should I do?

Answer: Contact the Health Benefits Program in writing. Include both the retiree's and deceased individual's name, last four digits of both Social Security numbers, address, phone number and a copy of the death certificate. Mail the information to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. You can also submit this information electronically using the following secure link:

https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net

# Question: My spouse/dependent was a City retiree who died before the reimbursements were issued. How do I claim the reimbursement?

Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include the retiree's name and last four digits of their Social Security number, your name, your address, phone number and a copy of the death certificate. Upon receipt of the death certificate, we will contact you if further documentation is required. You can also submit this information electronically using the following secure link: <a href="https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net">https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net</a>

### Question: Do I have to re-enroll every year for the Medicare Part B Reimbursement?

Answer: No, but if you change your address, or if one of the eligible Medicare Part B recipients dies, you must notify the Health Benefits Program, in writing.

#### Question: What if my bank account information changes?

Answer: Please notify your pension system directly of any bank account changes. The changes will be automatically used for the Medicare Part B reimbursements.

# Question: I paid more than the standard premium for Medicare Part B. Am I entitled to the higher premium reimbursement (IRMAA)?

Answer: You may be entitled to the higher reimbursement through Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA). Vist our website at <a href="https://nvc.gov/hbp">nvc.gov/hbp</a> for further information.