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**ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IRMAA**

**The 2014 IRMAA reimbursements are being distributed in June 2016. If you are currently receiving your pension check through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, your reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account. This will be separate from your pension payment. If you do not have EFT or direct deposit, you will receive a check in the mail beginning in June.**

**Question: What is IRMAA and who may be eligible?**

Answer: IRMAA is the acronym for Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount. The Social Security Act requires some people to pay higher premiums for their Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) based on their income. Because of higher income Medicare premiums may increase, and you may be entitled to this additional reimbursement.

**Question: What do I need to know before applying for the IRMAA Reimbursement?**

Answer: Before applying for IRMAA you must have received the standard Medicare Part B reimbursement payment for the year you are applying for IRMAA. If you have not received the standard Med B payment please visit our [Website](#) for further information and instructions.

**Question: How can I get information about how to apply for the IRMAA Reimbursement?**

Answer: Visit our [Website](#) for the necessary form and instructions on how to apply.

**Question: Is my dependent eligible for the IRMAA reimbursement**

Answer: Yes, as long as they are covered on your health plan and enrolled in Medicare Part B.

**Question: When do I submit my IRMAA documentation?**

Answer: After you receive the standard Medicare Part B reimbursement.

**Question: How far back can I go to receive the IRMAA reimbursement?**

Answer: Three (3) years.

**Question: Is the IRMAA reimbursement automatic?**

Answer: No, unlike the standard Medicare Part B reimbursement which is, you must apply for the IRMAA reimbursement for each year you may qualify.

**Question: Is the IRMAA amount for Medicare Part D reimbursed?**

Answer: No. Just Part B.

**Question: Are late fees reimbursed?**

Answer: No.

**Question: Many people received their IRMAA reimbursement and I didn't get mine yet. What should I do?**

Answer: IRMAA reimbursements were direct deposited 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 IRMAA reimbursement. What should I do?**

Answer: You should write to the Health Benefits Program, 40 Rector Street Third Floor, Attn: IRMAA Unit, New York, NY 10006. Please include your name, Social Security number and telephone number. This process may take up to 8 weeks from receipt of information.