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Medicare

MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PAYMENT RATES FOR 2005

The following rates, recently announced by the Department of Health and Human Services, reflect the premium, deductible and co-insurance amounts to be paid by Medicare beneficiaries in 2005:

Medicare Part A:

- Deductible \$912 (up \$36 from the 2004 deductible amount of \$876)
- Co-insurance for Extended Hospital Stays \$228 per day for days 61-90, \$456 per day for days 91-150 (In 2004, the figures were \$219 and \$438, respectively)
- Co-insurance for Skilled Nursing Facility Stay \$114 / day for days 21-100 (up from \$109.50 in 2004)
- Monthly premium for disabled recipients under age 65 with less than 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment \$375 (up \$32 from 2004)
- Monthly premium for seniors and certain disabled persons under age 65 with 30 to 39 quarters of Medicare-covered employment \$206

Medicare Part B:

- Monthly premium \$78.20 (up \$11.60 from the 2004 premium of \$66.60)

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