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## Medicare premiums for 2019

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) has announced the Medicare Part A deductibles and Part B premiums for 2019. Medicare Part A covers inpatient hospital and hospice care, while Part B covers outpatient services such as doctors’ visits.

According to a Wagner Law Group bulletin:

- The Part A deductible for inpatient hospital expenses will be \$1,364 in 2019, a \$24 increase over the prior year.
- For the 61st through 90th day of hospitalization, the per diem coinsurance cost will be \$341.
- Hospital stays over 90 days will cost \$682 per day.
- Daily coinsurance for the 21st to 100th day in a skilled nursing facility will cost \$170.50 in 2019.
- The standard Medicare Part B monthly premium for 2019 will, for most individuals, be \$135.50.
- Single beneficiaries with incomes over \$85,000 and married couples with incomes of over \$170,000 will pay a higher Part B premium, based on a sliding scale, as required by the Medicare Modernization Act.

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