



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT IN 2018

December 2017

Effective January 1, 2018, you will see an increase in your and/or your dependent's Medicare Part B reimbursement from the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP).

In 2018, the federal government reports that the standard monthly Medicare Part B premium for most enrollees will be \$134.00. **Accordingly, NYSHIP will reimburse all Medicare primary enrollees and dependents \$134.00 per month in 2018.**

Certain enrollees will pay a lower standard monthly Medicare Part B premium in 2018 because of federal "hold harmless" protections designed to ensure that increases in premiums do not exceed the amount of an enrollee's Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

The Social Security Administration (SSA), the agency that administers Medicare billing, does not currently share Medicare premium information directly with NYSHIP. However, NYSHIP is seeking to obtain this information and, once received, will be able to reimburse Medicare primary enrollees the exact amount paid for Medicare Part B premiums. Additionally, if NYSHIP discovers that an enrollee or dependent has been reimbursed more than the actual premium paid, NYSHIP may offset any future Medicare Part B premium reimbursements to recover these amounts. If NYSHIP pursues such recoupment of overpaid monies, we will notify you in advance of this action. There is no need to contact us at this time.

Thank you for your patience regarding this matter.

Employee Benefits Division