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New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) Annual Notice for Reimbursement of Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA)

You are receiving this notice as a Medicare-primary enrollee or dependent under the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) who may have been subject to a Medicare Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) in 2018.

Was your 2016 Federal Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI):

\$85,000 or more for an individual federal tax return?

or

\$170,000 or more for a married filing joint federal tax return?

If **NO**, you did not pay IRMAA for Medicare Part B, and you have already been reimbursed for the standard Medicare Part B premium. No further action is required.

If **YES, and you paid IRMAA for Medicare Part B**, please complete the enclosed application and attach copies of the required proofs as outlined below. You may use the enclosed blue envelope to mail your application and documentation or securely fax them to 518-485-5590.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is IRMAA?

A: The Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is an additional amount that you pay for your monthly Medicare premiums if you have higher annual earnings.

Q. How do I know if I was required to pay IRMAA for Medicare Part B in 2018?

A: If your income was less than \$85,000 as an individual, or less than \$170,000 as a married couple, you did not pay IRMAA and the enclosed information does not apply to you. The Social Security Administration (SSA) should have sent a letter to you in November 2017 advising if you were required to pay IRMAA in 2018. If you were new to Medicare in 2018, the SSA letter would have been mailed to you prior to your first month of Medicare eligibility. You may contact your local SSA office to verify if you paid IRMAA. The location of your local office can be found in your telephone directory or on the SSA website at www.ssa.gov/onlineservices.

Q. Can I be reimbursed for Medicare Part D (drug coverage) IRMAA payments?

A: No, the Department of Civil Service has no legal authority to reimburse the Medicare Part D portion of the IRMAA assessment.

Q: What documentation is required to request reimbursement for IRMAA premiums paid in 2018 or prior years?

A: In addition to a completed, signed application (enclosed), send a copy of your SSA notice outlining the Medicare Part B premium including IRMAA and proof of payment for Medicare Part B (required for each person and each year for which you are applying for Medicare Part B IRMAA reimbursement). Refer to the chart below to identify acceptable proof of payment of your Medicare Part B premium.

Acceptable Proof of Payment Chart Documentation is required for each person for which you are applying. Proof of payment must indicate payments made for <u>all</u> months of each year.		
Did you collect Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits?	Enclose Proof of Payment of Medicare Part B premium:	Where can you obtain this proof?
Yes	Form SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 (Retirement Benefit Statement)	Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board
No	CMS-500 (Notice of Medicare Premium Payment Due)	CMS Billing Notices (12 months)
Partial Year	SSA-1099 and CMS-500 or RRB-1099 and CMS-500	(See above)
Contact Information		
Social Security Administration (SSA) www.ssa.gov/onlineservices 1-800-772-1213	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) www.cms.gov 1-800-633-4227	Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) www.rrb.gov/Benefits/Medicare 1-877-772-5772

Q: Is there a deadline to apply for IRMAA reimbursement?

A: Yes. Applications for reimbursement must be received within three years of the tax filing deadline for that year. You may apply for each year you paid IRMAA for the following calendar year(s): 2018, 2017, 2016, and 2015. However, 2015 IRMAA applications must be received by April 15, 2019 or they will not be evaluated. The Employee Benefits Division (EBD) will notify you if your application is incomplete.

Q: Where can I find an update on processing of IRMAA reimbursement requests?

A: To find the current processing date of IRMAA applications, please contact the EBD Call Center at 518-457-5754 or 1-800-833-4344 and press 4, then 2. A recorded message will be regularly updated advising you of the processing status of IRMAA applications. Applications are processed in the order they are received by EBD.