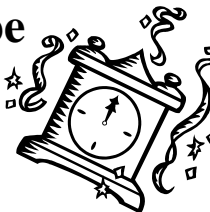




IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE LOUISIANA RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Along with the new year, there will be some changes to your financial responsibilities for your Medicare coverage. This chart will help you to understand these changes.



Under Medicare Part A		
	<i>In 2006 you paid...</i>	<i>In 2007...</i>
Monthly Premium	Nothing (if you or your spouse worked for 10 years or more)	Same
	\$216 (if you or your spouse worked between 7.5 and 10 years)	\$226
	\$393 (if you or your spouse worked less than 7.5 years)	\$410
Inpatient Hospital	\$952 deductible per benefit period	\$992
	No coinsurance for days 1-60	Same
	\$238 daily coinsurance for days 61-90	\$248
	\$476 daily coinsurance for 60 lifetime reserve days	\$496
Skilled Nursing Facility	No deductible for each benefit period	Same
	No coinsurance for days 1-20	Same
	\$119 daily coinsurance for days 21-100	\$124
Home Health Care	No deductible or coinsurance	Same
Hospice Care	No deductible	Same
	Small copayment for outpatient drugs and inpatient respite care	Same

Flip this sheet over to see the changes in Medicare Part B.

Under Medicare Part B

<i>In 2006 you paid...</i>		<i>In 2007...</i>
Monthly Premium	\$88.50	\$93.50 if your annual income is below \$80,000
Annual Deductible	\$124	\$131
Doctor and other medical services	20%	Same
Outpatient hospital care	Coinsurance or copayment	Same
Home Health Care	Nothing	Same
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Services	Nothing	Same
Other diagnostic tests and x-rays	20%	Same
Diabetes self-management supplies (glucose monitors, lancets, test strips)	20%	Same
Durable medical equipment (e.g., wheelchairs, hospital beds)	20%	Same
Physical Therapy services	20%	Same
Ambulance Services	20%	Same
Chiropractor Services	20%	Same
Outpatient mental health services	50%	Same
Blood	20% after first three pints per year	Same



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LRHA can assist you in evaluating your situation and finding the best Part D plan to fit your needs. Assistance with "extra help" eligibility and the Medicare Savings Program are also available through LRHA.