



# Medicare Easy Pay Program (for Part B payments)

**M**edicare Easy Pay Program is an electronic payment option for beneficiaries who are directly billed for their Medicare premiums by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This payment option allows beneficiaries to have their Medicare premiums automatically deducted from either their savings or checking account free of charge each month.

If you receive a monthly Social Security benefit check with your Basic Medicare Part B premium deducted, you do not need to participate in the Medicare Easy Pay Program.

## ■ BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

By using the Medicare Easy Pay Program, you can:

- Have a safe, easy, more convenient way to make timely payments
- Save postage costs and spend less time writing checks
- Be sure your Medicare premium is paid even when you are away from home or on vacation
- Keep a more accurate payment history
- Stop worrying that your Medicare coverage will end due to late or lost payments\*

### \* LACERS Medicare Requirement

You and your dependent(s) must enroll in and maintain those parts of Medicare for which you and your dependent(s) are eligible (Parts A and B or Part B only) in order to receive a LACERS medical plan premium subsidy and to continue your LACERS medical plan coverage (Los Angeles Administrative Code §4.1103.2 and LACERS Board Rule HBA10.0).

## ■ WHEN AND HOW DO I SIGN UP?

If you and your dependents are billed the Basic Medicare Part B premium directly by CMS, you can sign up for the program at any time. To sign up, complete and mail the form entitled “Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payments” to:

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Medicare Premium Collection Center  
P.O. Box 979098  
St. Louis, MO 63197**

To obtain the form, please contact Medicare at (800) 633-4227.

This form provides CMS with the information needed to set up electronic deductions and permits the Medicare Premium Collection Center to deduct a monthly premium from your savings or checking account.

Do not mail your completed form to LACERS – we are unable to enroll you in the Medicare Easy Pay Program.

## ■ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Do both my dependent and I need to complete a separate form for the Medicare Easy Pay Program?*

Yes. You and your dependents must each complete a separate "Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payments" form to participate.

*What if I do not have enough funds in my account to pay the Medicare premium?*

If you do not have enough money in your bank account, CMS will receive an insufficient funds notice from your bank. This will cause you to be non-compliant with LACERS Medicare Requirement and jeopardize your LACERS medical plan coverage.

CMS will only make one attempt

to automatically deduct the premium payment from your account.

*Will I continue to receive a paper billing statement for my Medicare premiums?*

No. If you sign up for the program you will receive a monthly Notice of Medicare Premium Payment Due (CMS-500) that will show the amount of the deduction. The automatic deduction will also appear on your monthly bank statement as an Automated Clearing House transaction.

## ■ FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions about the program, call (800) 633-4227. For questions about Medicare premium payments, call your local Social Security office. For questions about your bank account, call your bank directly.

MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE  
1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)  
NAME OF BENEFICIARY  
**JANE DOE**  
MEDICARE CLAIM NUMBER SEX  
**000-00-0000-A FEMALE**  
IS ENTITLED TO EFFECTIVE DATE  
**MEDICAL (PART B) 07-01-1986**  
SIGN HERE → *Jane Doe*

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