

▶ 2021 Medicare IRMAA Surcharge

The income-related monthly adjustment amount, or IRMAA, is a surcharge that high-income people may pay in addition to their Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. IRMAA payments are made directly to Medicare, even if you pay monthly premiums to an insurance company for Medicare Advantage or Part D prescription drug coverage.

Each year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) determines whether you are subject to IRMAA based on the income you reported in your tax return two years ago. For example, 2021 IRMAA is based on your 2019 income tax return. If you receive a notice from the SSA that you owe IRMAA and you disagree with the finding, you can file an appeal with the SSA as outlined in the initial determination notice. You can also file an appeal if you experience a life-changing event that has significantly impacted your income for the year.

Your Part B IRMAA is added to your Part B premium automatically, and the amount is reflected in your monthly premium bill. Most people have their premiums automatically deducted from their Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board benefits each month. If you are not currently receiving retirement benefits each month, you can pay your bill online through your bank or financial institution, sign up for Medicare Easy Pay to have your payments deducted from your checking or savings account, or mail your payment to Medicare each month.

IRMAA Part D payments are paid separately to Medicare, and you must pay them even if your employer or another third party (such as a retirement system) pays your Part D plan premiums. You'll get a Medicare Premium Bill each month for your Part D IRMAA and you can

pay it the same way you pay your Part B premiums. You do not pay it to your prescription drug plan.

Keep in mind that if you don't make your payments on time each month, you could lose your coverage.

The income brackets for IRMAA for both Medicare Part B and Part D are the same for 2021 (based on your 2019 income tax returns), according to the table below.

Single	Married Filing Jointly	Married Filing Separately	Part B Premium	Part D IRMAA
\$88,000 or less	\$176,000 or less	\$88,000 or less	\$148.50	\$0 + your plan premium
\$88,001 to \$111,000	\$176,001 to \$222,000	N/A	\$207.90	\$12.30 + your plan premium
\$111,001 to \$138,000	\$222,001 to \$276,000	N/A	\$297.00	\$31.80 + your plan premium
\$138,001 to \$165,000	\$276,001 to \$330,000	N/A	\$386.10	\$51.20 + your plan premium
\$165,001 and under \$500,000	\$330,001 and under \$750,000	\$88,001 and under \$412,000	\$475.20	\$70.70 + your plan premium
\$500,000 and above	\$750,000 and above	\$412,000 and above	\$504.90	\$77.10 + your plan premium

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