

## CMS Medicare Update

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*PLEASE NOTE: If your 2012 Modified Adjusted Gross Income (as reported on your 2013 tax return) is \$85,000 or less for an individual/ \$170,000 or less for a married couple, this information does not affect you.*

*For more information please contact your local Social Security office.*

In January of 2011, the Affordable Care Act established an income related monthly adjustment amount (IRMAA) under the Part D program (prescription portion of Medicare) which is known as the Part D-IRMAA. The Part D-IRMAA is an amount added to the Part D monthly premium for individuals whose modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) exceeds certain threshold amounts. The Social Security Administration has published a document which explains the rules for higher-income beneficiaries <sup>[1]</sup>. **Note:** Members who are currently paying a higher premium than the minimum for their Part B coverage are the same members who will be affected by this Part D adjustment amount.

Members who are affected by this ?IRMAA? provision will be billed by the Social Security Administration/Medicare for this additional premium charge. If billed, the affected member must pay this amount directly to that entity. If the member does not pay this Part D-IRMAA amount, the State-sponsored Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug plan (MAPD) will be terminated by Federal CMS and the member will lose his/her group health, vision and prescription insurance benefits.

**[Click here to read the Social Security Administration's Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries](#)**<sup>[1]</sup>.

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