

2017 SSA Disability Benefits and Medicare Information

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SSI	Individual	Couple
▪ Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)	\$735/month	\$1100/month
▪ Resource Limits	\$2000 (no change)	\$3000 (no change)
▪ Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)	<i>Non-Blind:</i> \$1170/month <i>Blind:</i> \$1820/month	
Trial Work Period (TWP)	\$840/month (Minimum earnings to count as trial work month for SSDI beneficiaries)	
Earnings to Qualify as Quarter/Credit \$1300/quarter	Quarters/credits needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you turn 24 in or before quarter: 1.5 years of work during the 3-year period ending with the quarter your disability began. ▪ After you turn 24, but before quarter you turn 31: Work during half the time for the period beginning with the quarter after you turned 21 and ending with the quarter you became disabled. ▪ In the quarter you turn age 31 or later: Work during 5 years out of the 10-year period ending with the quarter your disability began. 	
Medicare	Part A	Part B**
▪ Premium	\$407/month. Most people don't pay a premium because of Medicare-covered employment. Note: Reduced for 2015 from \$426 to \$407.	\$134.00/month if annual income is less than or equal to \$85,000 (individuals)/\$170,000 (joint filers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$187.50/month for individuals with income of \$85,001-\$107,000 (\$170,000-\$214,000 for joint filers) ▪ \$267.90/month for individuals with incomes of \$107,001-\$160,000 (\$214,001-\$320,000 for joint filers) ▪ \$348.30/month for individuals with incomes of \$160,001-\$214,000 (\$320,001-\$428,000 for joint filers) ▪ \$428.60/month for individuals with incomes above \$214,000 (\$428,000 for joint filers).
▪ Deductible	\$1316 for days 1-60 for each benefit period Subsequent costs for ongoing days are different. Consult with Medicare provider for these.	\$183/year ** Part B has gotten more complicated. For 70% of beneficiaries, the premium will be \$109.00/month. What's confusing is that, CMS has said that for single adults with incomes "less than" or equal to \$85,000 and couples with less than or equal to \$170,000, the premium is \$134/month. This is for those who file a tax return. The "hold harmless" beneficiaries, those for whom the premium will be \$109 include: (1) Those who do not receive SSA benefits (but obviously receive Medicare); (2) Those directly billed for their
▪ Part D (prescription) base premium	\$12.30-70.80/month	Part B premium (as compared to those for whom payment is taken out of SSA check), (3) those dually eligible for Medicaid, and those who pay an income-related premium.