

## Under payment of Medicare reimbursement by the County

We are again reminding members of this important occurrence with your Medicare reimbursement of your Medicare payments from the County. The amount owed to you can amount to thousands of dollars.

### **Are you paying for Medicare Part B and retired from Nassau County? Did you know you may now get reimbursement for Medicare Part D?**

You may not be collecting all you are entitled to from the County for Medicare Part B reimbursement. Also, new this year is reimbursement for Medicare Part D if you paid it.

As you may be aware, the county will reimburse you for the cost of Medicare Part B for you and your spouse, you receive these reimbursement checks twice a year. What you may not know is, that several years ago the cost of Medicare Part B went up, depending on your total income. The net result is that some retirees are paying more for Medicare Part B than just the basic amount. Some are also paying for Part D now. If you don't ask the county to reimburse you for the higher amount you paid; they won't send it to you. It's not their fault, they don't know unless you tell them. Your failure to inform them can be costing you \$500 to \$1200 a year or more. What you have to do is look at the SSA-1099 sent to you by social security every year, it's the one you use for your income tax return. Use the chart below and see if you may be owed money from the county:

There are specific steps you have to take to get the additional funds. You must request the money from the Comptrollers Office between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year. Check your records for the last three years because you are able to go back 3 years to request past funds.

Here are the normal amounts paid out:

2015	\$1258.80
2016	\$1258.80
2017	\$1608.00
2018	\$1608.00

If you paid more than the above amounts, you have to file with them to get the additional funds. You must file for the additional funds between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you file on time they will pay this specific amount in April of the year filed. You will continue to get your regular reimbursement checks twice a year. **The additional money is not included in the regular payments** and the additional payments are paid only if you file during the specific time period. As an example, it's too late to file for any money owed from 2015 because we are way past the filing period of 3 years. When you get your Social Security Statement in January of 2019 for the payment period of 2018, you can file for any money owed as far back as 2016.

These payments also include your spouse. It is possible that your spouse could be paying more than the minimum so check those payments as well. Save this letter and use it in January to file for any additional funds owed to you. Here is a sample letter you have to file with the Comptrollers Office:

Health Benefits Unit  
240 Old Country Rd  
Mineola, NY 11501

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to inform you that in the years indicated below I paid more than the basic amount for Medicare Part B and that I am requesting the additional reimbursement for those year(s).

\_\_\_ 2016 \_\_\_ 2017 \_\_\_ 2018

Additionally I have paid an additional amount for Medicare part D and am enclosing similar proof for that expense for the years indicated.

\_\_\_ 2016 \_\_\_ 2017 \_\_\_ 2018

I am enclosing either a copy or the original SSA-1099 or a print out from the Social Security Administration for each year indicated confirming the amount paid for Medicare Part B and D if applicable. Please review and send the additional reimbursement to my home address indicated below.

Sincerely,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_