



2018 MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT SHORTAGE

The City (NYC Health Benefits Program) pursuant to collective bargaining agreement and NYC Administrative Code reimburses retirees and their eligible dependents for Medicare Part B premium which is withheld from their monthly Social Security Benefit payment.

For 2018, the Standard Medicare Part B reimbursement was \$134.00/month (\$1,608.00/year) per eligible retiree and eligible dependent. However, for many retirees/dependents, the City reimbursed at the 2017 rate of \$109.00/month (\$1,308.00/year).

Check with your bank to determine the amount deposited by the city. Remember if both member and spouse eligible there is one aggregate covering both. Check the form Social Security sent to you describing your 2018 benefit. That form indicates your monthly premium for Medicare Part B. Multiply that number by the number of months you were eligible. That figure will indicate what you should have received from the city for 2018. Compare it to the bank deposit. We find that for most of us there is a \$300 shortage.

To be reimbursed the city requires submission of **2018 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form:**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/med-b-differential-form-2018.pdf>

It is important that you also submit proof of payment at the 2018 rate:

- If you are receiving Social Security Benefits, submit your 2018 Form SSA-1099
- If you are NOT receiving Social Security Benefits, submit:
CMS – 500 Notice of Medicare Payment due, or
Proof of monthly Medicare Part B payments, such as bank statements, if you are directly billed for Medicare Part B premiums

Return the form and the required documentation to:

NYC Health Benefits Program
Attention: Medicare Part B Differential Unit
Church Street Station
PO Box 3478
New York, NY 10008-3478