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What is the Medicare Part B Premium for the year 2016?

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In 2016, most current Department of Human Services (DHS) recipients with Medicare B will continue to pay the same Medicare B premium of \$104.90 that they paid in 2015. This is due to the “Hold Harmless” provision that states individuals who receive Social Security must not see a net decrease in their monthly benefit amount. This provision will allow all self-paying Medicare B recipients to continue to pay \$104.90 per month for their Medicare B premium. Effective January 1, 2016 the Medicare B premium will be \$121.80/month for individuals who:

- Enrolled in Medicare Part B and who are currently paying a premium more than \$104.90; or
- Enroll in Medicare Part B on or after January 1, 2016.

Additionally there will be no Social Security cost of living increase for 2016. This means there will be no annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) change for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.