



What You Should Know About Social Security Premium Withholding

When you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan, you can choose to have premiums deducted automatically from your monthly Social Security benefit. Depending on when you enroll, it could take about two months from the time your plan sends the request for the premium deductions to start. You don't have to do anything to pay your monthly Medicare drug plan and/or health plan premiums until the automatic premium deduction starts.

The first time premiums are withheld from your Social Security benefit, you should expect that two monthly premium amounts will be withheld at the same time. In some cases, it could take three months for your premium deduction to start. This means three months worth of premiums could be deducted at the same time. When waiting for premium withholding to start, you will never have a deduction that is more than three months worth of premiums. If for any reason your Social Security premium withhold request is delayed longer than three months, Medicare will stop your request and ask your plan to bill you directly for premiums.

If you have questions about any issues related to paying your drug plan premiums, contact your plan. The plan's customer service number is printed on your membership card.

Note: If you have another insurer or benefit, such as an employer or union health plan or a State Pharmacy Assistance Program (SPAP) that pays part of your drug plan premium, Social Security will still withhold your entire monthly premium. Your plan will need to refund to you the amount paid by your employer/union health plan or SPAP.

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