

RETURN ADDRESS

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Mailing Date: MM/DD/YYYY

000001

ANNA MEMBER
123 MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN, WI 55555



State of Wisconsin

Case #: 0000000000

Agency

Worker: IMA WORKER

Phone #: 123-456-7890

Fax #: (123) 456-7890

Use fax # to send verifications.



The State of Wisconsin is an equal opportunity service provider. This letter contains information that affects your benefits. If you need this material in a different format because of a disability or if you need this letter translated or explained in your own language, please call X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. These services are free.

Your Social Security Payments Will Be Changing

This letter tells you about upcoming changes to your monthly Social Security payment.

Our records show the following:

- You are getting health care benefits through one of the following programs: Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, Family Planning Only Services, or Tuberculosis Only Related Services.
- You are also enrolled in the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Plus (SLMB+) Medicare Savings Program. This is a limited health care benefit that pays your monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Federal law says that a person cannot be enrolled in health care benefits through one of the programs listed above and be eligible for the SLMB+ program at the same time. As a result, we are planning to end your enrollment in SLMB+.

You will get a letter in August confirming that your SLMB+ enrollment will end at the end of August.

After your SLMB+ enrollment ends, SLMB+ will no longer pay your Medicare Part B premiums. This means your Medicare Part B premium payments will be taken directly out of your monthly Social Security payment.

Turn the page over for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why will my Medicare Part B premium come out of my Social Security payment?

When you are enrolled in Medicare, you have to pay for your Medicare premiums. For most people, the premiums come out of Social Security payments.

When will my monthly Medicare Part B premium start coming out of my Social Security payment?

Your Medicare Part B premium will start coming out of your Social Security payment when the Social Security Administration processes the change. The Social Security Administration could process the change in September, October, November, or December 2017, but no earlier than September.

Once the Social Security Administration processes the change, the premiums you owe since September will be taken out of your Social Security payment. This means two or three months of premiums will be taken out of one Social Security payment and that payment will be less than other months' payments.

For example, if the Social Security Administration processes the change in November, your September, October, and November Medicare Part B premiums will be taken out of your November Social Security payment.

What will the change in my Social Security payment be?

Right now, the average monthly Medicare Part B premium cost is \$134 per month. Your Social Security payment will be lowered based on the number of months that come out of the payment. As noted in the question above, this may be more than one month when the Social Security Administration processes the change. But after the change is processed, your Social Security payment will be lowered by the cost of your monthly premiums.

Do I have to pay back any money?

No. The state will not be collecting any money from when it paid for your Medicare Part B premiums prior to August 2017.

Can I stay enrolled in the SLMB+ program and end my health care benefits instead?

Yes. If you would like to stay enrolled in SLMB+, call your agency at the number at the top of the first page of this letter. If you choose to stay enrolled in SLMB+, SLMB+ will keep paying your Medicare Part B premiums, and you will have to end the health care benefits you are getting through one of the programs listed on the first page of this letter.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Call your agency at the number at the top of the first page of this letter with any questions. Otherwise, you do not need to take any action.