



2019 MEDICARE NUMBERS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released the new Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-payments for 2019:

Basic Part B Premium.....\$135.50/mo

Part B Deductible.....\$185

Part A Deductible.....\$1,364

Co-payment for Hospital Stay

Days 61-90.....\$341/day

Days 91-150.....\$682/day

All costs for each day beyond 150 days.

Skilled Nursing Facility Co-payment

Days 21-100.....\$170.50/day

Also, note that individuals with annual incomes over \$85,000 and married couples with annual incomes over \$170,000 will pay a higher Medicare Part B premium, with a minimum monthly premium of \$189.60.

2019 MEDICAID NUMBERS

CMS has also released the 2019 guidelines for how much spouses of institutionalized Medicaid recipients may keep.

Community Spouse Resource Allowance:

Maximum.....\$126,420

Minimum.....\$25,284

Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance:

Maximum.....\$3,160.50

Minimum.....\$2,057.50

Medicaid Waiver Benefits Income Cap:

\$2,313.00/month (was \$2,250 in 2018)

Pennsylvania Medicaid Penalty Divisor:

\$10,043.28 (\$330.19/day), as of 1/1/18

New Jersey Medicaid Penalty Divisor:

\$343.85/day, since 4/1/18

2018 VA AID AND ATTENDANCE

Single Veteran..... \$1,881/mo.

Married Veteran.....\$2,230/mo.

Widowed Spouse..... \$1,209 /mo.