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GENERAL NEWS

Medicare Announces Part B Premium for 2021

An [announcement](#) posted November 6 to the [Medicare website](#) reveals that the [Medicare Part B premium](#) for 2021 will be \$148.50, an increase of \$3.90 over the 2020 standard premium. While this is correct for individuals first enrolling in Medicare in 2021 and for some higher-income individuals, it is not correct for many individuals due to a "hold harmless" legal provision. The hold harmless provision prevents Medicare Part B premiums from rising more than a person's Social Security cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA.

The Social Security Administration [announced](#) last month that there will be a 1.3 percent COLA in Social Security benefits for 2021.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Archives Webinar on Mainstream Vouchers

Recently on the [HUD Exchange channel](#) at [YouTube](#), The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) archived the [Mainstream Voucher Program Webinar](#) that was held on October 15, 2020. The webinar was intended to cover all basic requirements of the program, including a review of Notice [PIH 2020-01](#) and other applicable guidance related to participant eligibility, waiting list management, admissions preferences, and reporting requirements. HUD has also [posted](#) the transcript and the slides presented during the webcast.



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