**PCCD Medicare B Reimbursement**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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<th>What is the Medicare B premium documentation requirement?</th>
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<td>The 2005 Social Security Statement to verify the deduction amount</td>
<td>Upon attainment age 65 and once a year thereafter. Your premium amount is announced by the SSA/Medicare in the December to affect January premium. If your amount changes, you are expected to notify PCCD within 30 days of the effective date</td>
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<td>Medicare quarterly billing statement and proof of payment</td>
<td>Documentation is required quarterly. Generally, those who choose to pay premium by check or credit are billed by CMS, a Medicare agent.</td>
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<td>Monthly STRS statement</td>
<td>Upon attainment of age 65 and once a year, thereafter. If your amount changes, you are expected to notify PCCD within 30 days of the effective date.</td>
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**Where shall I send my annual verification?**

If either you or your spouse are turning age 65 in 2005, send the Medicare Statement to:

PCCD
Benefits Office
333 East 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94606

If both you and your spouse are already age 65, send future Medicare Statements directly to

Pension Dynamics:
2300 Contra Costa Blvd., Suite 400
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-3955
Fax (925) 956-0534

**Why is there now a documentation requirement?**

As with other reimbursement arrangements, proof of payment and payment amount ensures the accuracy of amounts repaid to you. Documentation is part of standard accounting practices.

**Why can’t the District obtain Medicare B premium amounts directly from the SSA or Medicare?**

Due to privacy regulations, PCCD district personnel cannot obtain information without authorization from the benefactor. SSA provides an annual benefits statement directly to you confirming premium amounts. They will also provide verification upon request by calling 800-772-1213.

**Isn’t the amount the same for all retirees?**

No. The premium amount is determined by Medicare and varies based on each individual taxpayer’s eligibility.

**Why is the District using Pension Dynamics?**

PD currently processes reimbursements for other PCCD employee benefit programs, we find their services reasonable and cost efficient.

**Where do I direct questions regarding my eligibility for the reimbursement?**

Contact the benefits office at (510) 587-7838 for information about your eligibility and timing of your quarterly payment.

**What if I did not know about this reimbursement arrangement. Is it too late for a reimbursement?**

Upon submitting documentation, the Benefits Office will review the request on a case-by-case basis.