retiree wrapup



Medicare Part B: Update on 2019 Reimbursement

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For those retirees who received their Medicare Part B Reimbursement from the NYC Office of Labor Relations (OLR), a direct deposit was made by OLR on Friday, April 17, 2020, to the same bank account that their pension check is deposited into. Paper checks will be sent out later.

Everyone should check the amount that was deposited against the amount that they actually paid for Medicare Part B in 2019 by comparing the amount received to the amount shown on their SSA 1099 for 2019.

If there is a difference, the member should file the 2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form or the Medicare Part B IRMAA Reimbursement Form if they are in a high income status. No one should complete both forms for the 2019 year. Both forms are available online at www.nyc.gov/olr.

2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement

Direct deposit was made by NYC into the same account that you received your pension check on April 17, 2020. The account heading read as follows: CTY NY MED B PMS PAY then the amount (\$) appeared. Paper checks were sent out by snail mail.

If you did not receive the correct reimbursement, you can download the required form(s) by going to this website: www.nyc.gov/olr.

When at the site, click on the "Health Ben" button that appears near the top of the page. This will then take you to another page and then click on the "Retiree" button. This will take you to a page that has the following heading: "Questions about your Medicare Part B Reimbursement." In this paragraph, you will see in blue writing "Medicare Part B 2019 Reimbursement Request Form". Below this paragraph is another heading "IRMAA 2019 Reimbursement." You can click on this and you can then print out the form on your computer printer.

Below this paragraph is another heading "IRMAA 2019 Reimbursement," and below this heading in blue writing appears IRMAA 2109 Reimbursement Application. Click on this and you can then print out the "Medicare Part B IRMAA Reimbursement Form on your computer printer.

Please keep a copy of all forms submitted to the NYC Office of Labor Relations. It is not necessary to sent this by registered or certified mail. Just make sure that you keep a copy of all forms and documents submitted.

retiree message board

- 1. If you have trouble leaving a telephone message or email, we apologize for any inconvenience but please call us at 212.815.1781. The best way to contact the Association is by sending an email to retassn@dc37.net.
- 2. New York Retirees meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- 3. Errata: In the article about "When a Member Dies," there are two small errors in the footnotes. The changes were made accidentally.
 - The paragraph should read as follows: "Your monthly social security check is based on living through the entire month. For example, if you die on May 31st, you are not entitled to the May check that is sent to you in June. However, if you pass away on June 1st, you are entitled to the May check that will be sent to you in June."
 - c should read "Board of Education" not "Board of Election" The document is correct as of April 2020.
- 4. As a result of COVID-19, retirees are subjected to numerous scams. If you are a victim of such and reside in New York state, you may use your covered benefit from the DC 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services to obtain legal assistance. The MELS intake phone number is 212.815.1111.