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MCERA MEMBER  
123 MAIN STREET  
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RE: **Action Required**  
Changes to 2017 Medicare Premiums and Reimbursement

Dear Member,

Effective January 1, 2017, Medicare Part B premiums have increased. As a retiree on Medicare who is eligible for a healthcare subsidy from your former employer, you receive a reimbursement of the base Medicare Part B premium each month in your retirement benefit payment. Although the premium you owe to Medicare may be higher, you are only reimbursed up to the base premium.

The date of your enrollment in Medicare and/or Social Security benefits determines your base premiums for Medicare Part B in 2017.

If your Medicare Part B premiums increased January 1, 2017, you will be reimbursed at the higher rate provided you return proof of the additional premiums to MCERA. Social Security does not report who does and does not receive benefits, so your proper reimbursement amount can only be determined with this proof of increase.

If you submit the required information on or before April 30, 2017, you will receive the additional reimbursement retroactive to January 1, 2017. If you submit the required information after April 30, 2017, the additional reimbursement will be effective going forward with no retroactive adjustment.

Please see the information on the back of this page for instructions on how to submit proof of your additional Medicare Part B premiums to MCERA and who to contact if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Hardesty".

Michelle Hardesty  
Assistant Retirement Administrator

## **NOTIFY MCERA OF YOUR MEDICARE PREMIUM INCREASE**

### **Submit Proof of Your Additional Premium to MCERA**

Submit your December 2016 and January 2017 Medicare premium statements to MCERA in one of the following ways.

- In person or by mail: One McInnis Parkway, Suite 100, San Rafael, CA 94903-2764
- By fax: (415) 473-3612
- By email: [MCERARetirees@marincounty.org](mailto:MCERARetirees@marincounty.org)

### **Reimbursement Schedule**

If you submit proof on or before April 30, 2017, reimbursement will be paid in your May 31, 2017 benefit payment and will be retroactive to January 2017.

If you submit proof after April 30, 2017, reimbursement will be paid in your next benefit payment. There is no retroactive reimbursement if proof is submitted after this date.

### **Helpful Contacts**

If you have questions about Medicare regulations or your employer's policy going forward:

Jennifer Paaske  
Benefits Supervisor  
County of Marin  
(415) 473-6548  
[JPaaske@marincounty.org](mailto:JPaaske@marincounty.org)

If you have questions regarding return of acceptable proof, processing your reimbursement or retirement benefit payment:

MCERA Retiree Benefits  
(415) 473-4149  
[MCERARetirees@marincounty.org](mailto:MCERARetirees@marincounty.org)