


FOR YOUR BENEFIT



As in prior years, we are providing information this fall to remind retirees who are eligible for the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program (eligibility criteria are explained in the letter below) to apply for their benefits by March 31, 2024. The HR Benefits Customer Care & Solutions Division has provided the letter below as a reminder.

Although there have been fewer issues with the reimbursement process recently, some of the Wageworks accounts have been underfunded as Medicare B amounts continually change, preventing correct reimbursements. HR suggests that retirees review their Wageworks Accounts. If the funding is not correct please submit a copy of the Social Security or RRB Benefit Verification letter to HR_EmployeeBenefits@panynj.gov so your account can be updated with the correct amount. You can direct other questions or issues to the same email address.

PARA appreciates the support of HR staff in assisting PA/PATH retirees during this process. The HR benefits team is available to our retirees and their eligible dependents through the dedicated email address above or at (212) 435-2870 Monday through Friday 9 AM-5 PM.

Medicare Part B Reimbursement - Account Review

If you or your dependent spouse are enrolled in Medicare Part B, this is a reminder that the annual deadline for your 2023 Medicare Part B Premium reimbursement expires on March 31, 2024. Claims received on or after April 1, 2024, will not be processed.

Please review your account to ensure your funding amount is correct. If your account was funded incorrectly, please submit a copy of the Social Security or RRB Benefit Verification letter for you and your spouse. The letter must include the amount you and your spouse were charged for Medicare Part B premiums for 2023. If your account is correct, no action is required.

Note: There is no reimbursement for Medicare Part D.

To be eligible, you must meet all the following:

1. Retired after July 1, 2000; and
2. Retired as a Port Authority/PATH permanent non-represented employee, including Field Police (FP), or a member of the FM or FS Unions; and
3. Are age 65 or older (a dependent spouse is not eligible until the retiree turns 65)

To review your account, or to create an account with Health Equity, please log onto www.healthequity.com and refer to the attached Health Equity guide for further instructions.

As a reminder, you must submit one of the following acceptable documents showing proof of your Medicare Part B premium:

- 2023 Benefit Verification Letter or
- 2023 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Letter

***Please note:** RRB retirees must submit a copy of their Benefit Verification Letter or COLA letter to receive reimbursements. To obtain a current Benefit Verification or COLA letter please contact the Railroad Retirement Board at 877-772-5772. For all other members, please contact the Social Security Administration at www.ssa.gov/manage-benefits/get-benefit-letter.com.

Your Health Equity account is funded based on your Medicare Part B premiums. You must provide us with any updates regarding your Medicare Part B to receive the correct funding. Please email us at HR_EmployeeBenefits@panynj.gov with your updated information or questions regarding your Medicare Part B funding.