

## Lifelong Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Medicare Part B-ID

"Extended Coverage of Immunosuppressive Drugs for Kidney Transplant Patients" (formerly known as the Immuno Bill) is now the law! Medicare will offer a new "**Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Benefit**" that will continue to **cover anti-rejection medications** (immunosuppressive medicines) for eligible kidney transplant patients even after 36 months, if they do not have other health coverage.

This new benefit will begin **January 1, 2023**.

### 1. What is covered under Medicare Part B-ID Benefit?

<p><b>Covered</b></p>	<p>80% of Immunosuppressive drug costs for kidney transplant</p>	<p><b>NOT Covered</b></p>	<p>Any non-immunosuppressive medication</p>
	<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tacrolimus (Prograf<sup>®</sup>, Astagraf XL<sup>®</sup>, Envarsus XR<sup>®</sup>)</li> <li>• Mycophenolate (Cellcept<sup>®</sup>, Myfortic<sup>®</sup>)</li> <li>• Prednisone</li> <li>• Cyclosporine (Neoral<sup>®</sup>, Gengraf<sup>®</sup>, Sandimmune<sup>®</sup>)</li> <li>• Sirolimus (Rapamune<sup>®</sup>)</li> <li>• Everolimus (Zortress<sup>®</sup>)</li> <li>• Azathioprine (Imuran<sup>®</sup>)</li> <li>• Belatacept (Nulojix<sup>®</sup>)</li> </ul>		<p>Administration fees for IV immunosuppressant medications</p>
			<p>Suspension or solution immunosuppressant medications that are compounded at a pharmacy</p>
			<p>Other medical expenses such as doctor visits, laboratory tests, or imaging</p>

### 2. Who can enroll in the Medicare Part B-ID Benefit?

1. Kidney transplant patients currently or previously enrolled in Medicare based on a diagnosis of End-stage renal disease (ESRD)
2. Patients who do not have Medicare coverage or will lose it soon (>36 months after kidney transplant)
3. Patients who do not have other healthcare coverage such as a group or individual health plan, TRICARE for Life or Veterans Affairs benefits, or a State health plan

- If you meet all three criteria listed above, you are eligible for immunosuppressive drug coverage under the new Medicare Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Benefit.

### 3. How do I enroll in the Medicare Part B-ID Benefit?

Call **Social Security Administration (SSA)** at **1-877-465-0355** and request to enroll in the Medicare Part B-ID benefit.

\*\*This is a special phone number just for this program. You will need to complete a verbal attestation confirming eligibility to enroll in the benefit.

\*\*\*OR\*\*\*

**Download and submit the CMS 10798 enrollment form**, then drop it off at a Social Security Field office or mail it to Social Security Administration; Office of Central Operations; P.O. Box 32914; Baltimore, MD 21298-2703.

Determinations will be made within 30 days, and patients are notified by mail.

### 4. When will Medicare Part B-ID benefit coverage start?

Enrollment *prior* to termination of ESRD-based Medicare

- The Part B-ID benefit will begin the month after termination of ESRD-based Medicare.

Enrollment *after* termination of ESRD-based Medicare

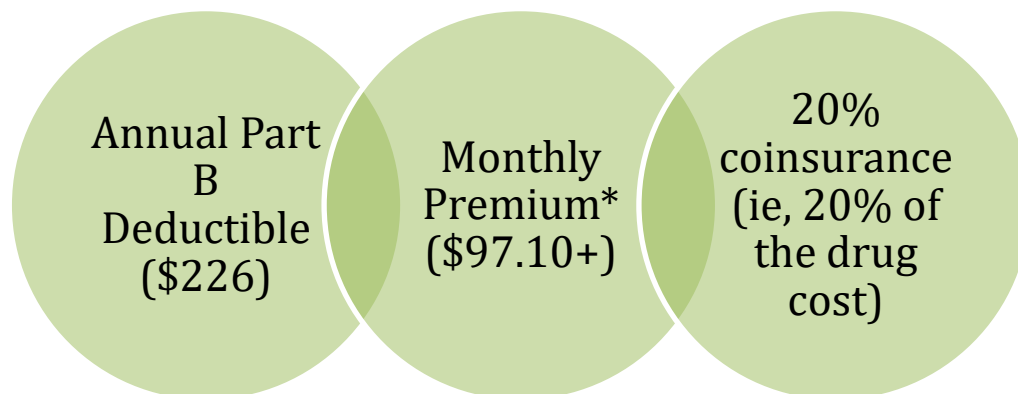
- The Part B-ID benefit will begin the month following enrollment.

If you enroll by December 31, 2022, coverage will start on January 1, 2023

### 5. How can I terminate this Medicare Part B-ID Benefit?

If you gain alternate health insurance at any point, you must terminate enrollment in Medicare Part B-ID within 60 days. This can be done by notifying the **Social Security Administration (SSA)** by calling at 1-877-465-0355, visiting a field office, or completing a CMS-1763 termination form.

### 6. What does this Part B-ID benefit cost in 2023?



**Monthly premium is based on income:**

Yearly income in 2021 (for what you pay in 2023)			Monthly Premium (2023)
File individual tax return	File joint tax return	File married & separate tax return	
\$97,000 or less	\$194,000 or less	\$97,000 or less	<b>\$97.10</b>
Above \$97,000 up to \$123,000	Above \$194,000 up to \$246,000	Not applicable	<b>\$161.80</b>
Above \$123,000 up to \$153,000	Above \$246,000 up to \$306,000	Not applicable	<b>\$258.90</b>
Above \$153,000 up to \$183,000	Above \$306,000 up to \$366,000	Not applicable	<b>\$356.00</b>
Above \$183,000 and less than \$500,000	Above \$366,000 and less than \$750,000	Above \$97,000 and less than \$403,000	<b>\$453.10</b>
\$500,000 or above	\$750,000 or above	\$403,000 or above	<b>\$485.50</b>

**7. Is there extra help available to cover the monthly premium costs?**

Patients with limited income and resources may be able to get help from their state through a **Medicare Savings Program:**

1. Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program
2. Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Program
3. Qualifying Individual (QI) Program

Visit <https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/medicare-savings-programs> to learn more about these programs and links to your state to see if you qualify

**Additional Resources:**

1. [National Kidney Foundation](https://www.kidney.org/atoz/content/faq-expanded-medicare-coverage-immunosuppressive-drugs-kidney-transplant-recipients) <https://www.kidney.org/atoz/content/faq-expanded-medicare-coverage-immunosuppressive-drugs-kidney-transplant-recipients>
2. [American Kidney Fund](https://www.kidneyfund.org/article/faq-new-medicare-coverage-immunosuppressive-drugs-individuals-kidney-transplants) <https://www.kidneyfund.org/article/faq-new-medicare-coverage-immunosuppressive-drugs-individuals-kidney-transplants>
3. [CMS.gov - Implementing Certain Provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and other Revisions to Medicare Enrollment and Eligibility Rules \(CMS-4199-P\)](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/implementing-certain-provisions-consolidated-appropriations-act-2021-and-other-revisions-medicare-1)  
<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/implementing-certain-provisions-consolidated-appropriations-act-2021-and-other-revisions-medicare-1>
4. CMS Final Rule. Nov 3, 2022. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-11-03/pdf/2022-23407.pdf>