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Medicare Announces Part B Premium for 2025

An [announcement](#) posted late last Friday to the [Medicare website](#) reveals that the [Medicare Part B premium](#) for 2025 will be \$185.00, an increase of \$10.30 over the 2024 standard premium. While this is correct for individuals first enrolling in Medicare in 2025 and for some higher-income individuals, it is not correct for many individuals due to a “hold harmless” legal provision. The hold harmless provision prevents Medicare Part B premiums from rising more than a person’s Social Security cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA.

The Social Security Administration [announced](#) last month that there will be a 2.5 percent COLA in Social Security benefits for 2025.

HUD Approves Settlement with the City and County of Denver Resolving Disability Discrimination Claim

In a [press release](#) last Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has entered into a [voluntary compliance agreement](#) with the City and County of Denver, Colorado, Denver’s Office of Community Planning and Development, and Denver’s Board of Adjustments to resolve allegations that the respondents violated the [Fair Housing Act](#) and were in noncompliance with [Section 504](#) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ([ADA](#)), [Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974](#), and [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#).

The agreement arose from a complaint filed by a same-sex, mixed race couple who were denied a variance to the Denver zoning code to construct an accessory dwelling unit to meet the disability-related needs of a household member. The couple also alleged that the denial of their reasonable accommodation request was based on race and sexual orientation.

HUD conducted an investigation and issued a [letter of findings](#) on September 30, 2022, which determined that the respondents were in noncompliance with Section 504 and the ADA with respect to the city’s zoning processes. Under the terms of the agreement, the respondents will pay \$115,000 to the complainants, implement a reasonable accommodation policy, and complete training requirements. The city also revised its zoning code to comply with the Fair Housing Act, Section 504, and the ADA.



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