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GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, December 05th, 2023

Moose Lodge Family Center 6191 Rock Island Rd, Tamarac 33319

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM Sharp

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# The President's Message

Your Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting will be 6:30 pm at the Moose Lodge Family Center located at 6191 Rock Island Road Tamarac FI 33319. The special holiday season meeting will feature extended food items which will cost attendees and guests \$10 (ten) dollars. Only exact change and CASH will be accepted. We have no credit card accounts and we can't be processing checks, money orders, virtual coins, S&H Greenstamps, etc.. We will have a short official meeting and no speakers, no 50-50 raffle nor extended business discussions. It's your club and we try to follow preferences by comments. Send an email to club email address letting us know how many are attending with your party/group.

Many have heard me say that it's a privilege to lead the club and to represent its' members. When I reflect on what your board has accomplished over the last 10 years, the true extent of the work undertaken to benefit our members ... it hits my heart. 2023 has quickly turned the corner and will be gone before we know it.

Remember our fallen and pray for those still out on the front line making a stand. Take a moment to pray for officers and military killed in the line of duty this year who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Also, pray for our members, gone too soon and for the infirmed. Know that we are with each and every one of them, and their families are in our prayers.

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Our job as an organization is to both foster this dedication vigilantly and amplify it. I can proudly say that we have given tens of thousands of hours toward volunteer efforts since the club's inception. By doing so, we've embedded actionable responsibility in our collective DNA for the club's future. As an organization, we promote a fraternal environment among our membership, and we remain focused on trying to keep that view of other similar organizations. We know that we still have meaningful work to do. We were certainly stuck in difficult times, but the situation didn't deter us. I am a proud witness to this special place where comradery and compassion persists. I remain humbled to serve our club and better things will be coming.

The fishing trip and of course the HR218 events are both really great starts to future planning of events. The Moose Family Center has opened their arms to partner with us, and many possibilities can be forthcoming.

10-13, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HANUKKAH, TO ALL OF YOU, FROM YOUR ENTIRE DEDICATED BOARD!!

Fraternally yours, Martin

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Membership dues for 2024 are due. 2024 dues are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of said year.

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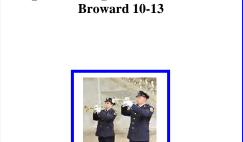
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Note: All dues are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Members who fail to pay dues by January 31<sup>st</sup> shall be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of attempting membership. Any person, who failed to pay by said date, will be treated as a New Member, at the new member enrollment cost; \$45.00

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# NYPD to have only 29K cops by 2025 due to new NYC budget cuts

The NYPD's force will be reduced to just 29,000 cops by the end of fiscal year 2025 — the lowest level since the mid-90s — amid a slew of city-wide budget cuts revealed by Mayor Eric Adams Thursday as the Big Apple grapples with its multi-billion-dollar migrant crisis.

Under City Hall's newly unveiled updated 2024 financial plan, the next five <u>police</u> <u>academy classes will be axed</u> — essentially decimating an already strained department as roughly 4,500 officers are expected to leave their ranks within the next 18 months.

Firefighters are also in the firing line with FDNY members who are on "long-term light duties" — meaning they've been injured on the job or are out sick — being forced into early retirement or fired under the plan.

"The defund the police crowd's woke dream has come true. We were fed a line of BS that the wave of migrants would be a benefit to the city. Now we are defunding the police to pay for their beds," Council Republican Minority Leader, Joe Borelli, raged.

President of the FDNY's union Andrew Ansbro, too, slammed the sweeping budget reductions, arguing the Adams administration "should have taken a different approach with the life-saving agencies like the FDNY and NYPD, which could really affect safety in New York City."

"Our job being dangerous, we have lot of members who getting physical injured ... now they are being pushed out the door to early retirement when they have a lot to offer. They are cutting back on people who really help the safety of FDNY and residents of New York City," he added.

In total, the NYPD's budget of \$5.6 billion will cut by \$132 million next fiscal year with the axing of new academy classes over the next year and a half clawing back roughly \$42 million.

Hizzoner's push to shrink the department comes despite the centerpiece of his 2021 mayoral campaign being the need to bolster public safety. The NYPD's staffing levels last fell below 29,000 back in 1993, according to city records.

"This is truly a disaster for every New Yorker who cares about safe streets. Cops are already stretched to our breaking point, and these cuts will return us to staffing levels we haven't seen since the crime epidemic of the '80s and '90s. We cannot go back there," Police Benevolent Association president, Patrick Hendry, told The Post.

The FDNY's budget, meanwhile, will be slashed by \$74 million, City Hall's plan shows. It not clear exactly how many on light duty will be let go, but there are normally between 800 and 1,000 on such duty at a time.

In addition to the NYPD and FDNY's staffing cuts, the Department of Education will eliminate \$547 million from its 2024 fiscal budget — with most savings coming from getting rid of jobs that have yet to be filled, as well as reducing after school program seats by just over 3,500.

The Sanitation Department, whose budget cuts will total \$32 million next fiscal year, will see its lot cleaning unit completely disbanded and a reduction in litter basket services near parks, greenways and bridges.

Adams is also reducing the number of street garbage cans in the outer boroughs so high-traffic areas in Manhattan don't suffer a reduction in pick ups.

Meanwhile, a total of 34 popular cultural institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History, will have reduced funding with the city's Cultural Institutions Group having its budget axed by \$5.83 million.

And migrant costs are set to slashed by 20%, in part, by reducing staffing and services, though the exact details weren't immediately clear.

Under the budget plan, savings will also come from hiring freezes being implemented at the Law Department, DOE, FDNY and Sanitation civilian employees, the Department of Aging, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings, and the Parks Department.

Despite the glaring cuts, Hizzoner — whose office only took a \$8,000 hit for travel allowance this year — still hailed his plan and claimed it would have "minimal disruption" to city-wide services.

"To balance the budget as the law requires, every city agency dug into their own budget to find savings, with minimal disruption to services," Adams said in a statement.

"And while we pulled it off this time, make no mistake: Migrant costs are going up, tax revenue growth is slowing, and COVID stimulus funding is drying up."

The City Council approved the 2024 budget back in June but it failed to account for the rising costs of the migrant crisis. The changes to this fiscal year's budget, which ends June 30, 2024, will go to the council next week for approval.

The 2024 fiscal year budget will total \$110.5 billion, Adams said — \$3.4 billion more than the current budget.

Still, the Citizens Budget Commission watchdog group warned the Big Apple still faces billions of dollars in gaps in subsequent years — despite the spending reductions to

balance this year's budget. The group estimates the fiscal year 2025 gap will widen to \$7.1 billion, up from the previously estimated \$5.1 billion.

The fresh cuts are in response to Adams forcing all city departments to find an initial 5% to slash from their budgets in a bid to combat the ever-growing costs of the migrant crisis, which he has estimated to set the city back \$12 billion over the next three fiscal years.

Hizzoner has already warned an additional two cuts, totaling 10%, might be on the cards too as the crisis escalates.

But the city's Public Advocate, Jumanne Williams, was among those to rail against the Adams administration's plan on Thursday, arguing the crisis isn't solely to blame and that revenue raising options should be considered before widespread cuts to services.

"These cuts aren't abstract, and do real harm to our systems of government and New Yorkers relying on those services. While there is a clear and urgent need for additional funding and resources from the state and federal government, the mayor should come to the table with a scalpel instead of cuts across the board," he said.

"He should also reconsider the administration's annual opposition to supporting common sense revenue raising options that ensure the city can continue to uphold its fiscal responsibility and moral responsibility at the same time."

New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, too, ripped the administration for suggesting the migrant crisis was to blame for budget shortfalls.

"City Hall should stop suggesting that asylum seekers are the reason for imposing severe cuts when they are only contributing to a portion of these budget gaps, much of which already existed," Lander said.

# Medicare Is Raising Its Part B Premium And Deductible For 2024

Expect to see Medicare grow slightly more expensive following last year's unusual price drop. In January 2024, most U.S. residents enrolled in Original Medicare (Part A and Part B) or a Medicare Advantage plan will pay a standard Part B monthly premium of \$174.70 and face a Part B annual deductible of \$240—a premium increase of \$9.80 (5.9%) and a deductible increase of \$14 (6.2%) compared to 2023.

Furthermore, beneficiaries with income over a set amount will pay a Part B premium surcharge known as an income-related monthly adjustment amount (IRMAA). For full coverage in 2024, IRMAAs range from \$69.90 to \$419.30. About 8% of Medicare Part B beneficiaries are subject IRMAAs, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

## Why Is the Part B Monthly Premium and Annual Deductible Increasing?

These higher rates are mostly the result of a rise in projected health care spending. What's more, Medicare also must reimburse certain hospitals for underpayments that occurred from 2018 to 2022.

The increases follow 2023's unusual drop in the Part B premium. The dip, occurring for the first time in a decade, was caused by lower-than-expected spending on Aduhelm, a new drug designed to treat <u>Alzheimer's disease</u>. Premiums increased by almost 15% in 2022 in anticipation of a spike in spending for the drug, but Aduhelm's manufacturer Biogen later cut the price, and CMS limited its coverage of the drug to people in clinical trials.

#### What Is Medicare Part B?

<u>Medicare Part B</u> is one of the two main sections of Original Medicare. While <u>Medicare Part A</u> provides coverage for hospitalizations and some home health care and hospice expenses, Part B covers the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions, along with preventative care, such as <u>flu shots</u> and doctor checkups.

Medicare Part B also covers:

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- Mental health care

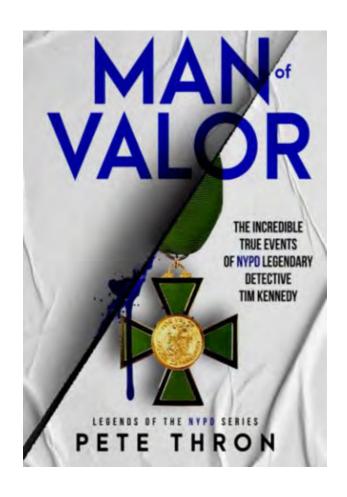
If you're enrolled in Medicare Part B, you may also choose to sign up for a <u>Medicare Part D prescription drug plan</u> for additional coverage of medications you might need. Alternatively, you can enroll in a <u>Medicare Advantage plan</u>, which can bundle the benefits of Part A, Part B and Part D with other benefits like <u>vision</u>, <u>dental</u> and <u>hearing care</u> through a private insurance provider.

#### When Can You Enroll in Medicare Part B?

<u>Medicare's open enrollment period</u> opened on Oct. 15, 2023 and runs through Dec. 7, 2023. During this time, U.S. adults already enrolled in Medicare can evaluate their current coverage and make changes to their Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D enrollment.

If you're first becoming <u>eligible for Medicare</u> (typically at age 65), you aren't confined to this open enrollment period. You can apply for benefits in the three months before your birthday, during your birthday month and in the three months following your birthday. You can sign up by filling out a form on the Social Security Administration's website, by calling 800-772-1213 or by visiting a Social Security office in person.

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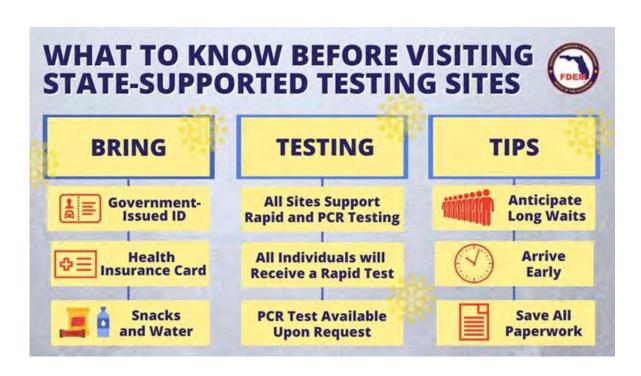
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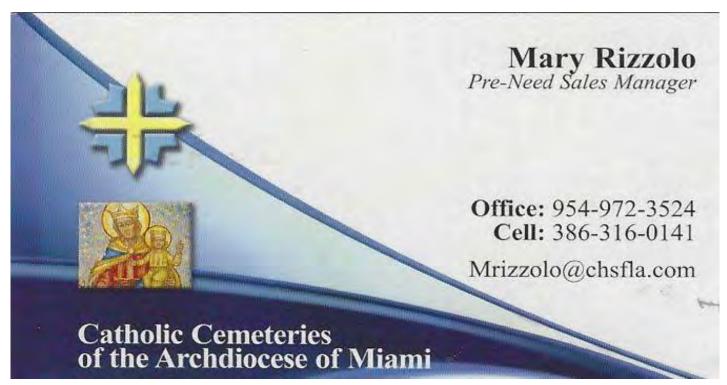


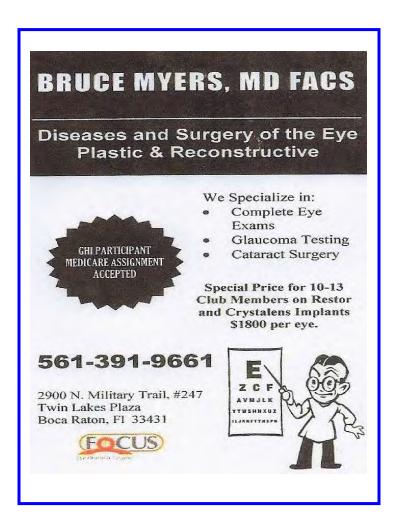
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In order to maintain maximum health benefits, it is essential that you join Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) at your local <u>Social Security</u> Office as soon as you are eligible. If you do not join Medicare, you will lose whatever benefits Medicare would have provided.

The City's Health Benefits Program supplements Medicare but does not duplicate benefits available under Medicare. Medicare-eligible members must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B in order to be covered by a Medicare HMO plan. To enroll in Medicare and assure continuity of benefits upon becoming age 65, contact your Social Security Office during the three-month period before your 65th birthday. In order not to lose benefits, you must enroll in Medicare during this period even if you will not be receiving a Social Security check.

If you are over 65 or eligible for Medicare due to disability and did not join Medicare, contact your Social Security Office to find out when you may join. If you do not join Medicare Part B when you first become eligible, there is a 10% premium penalty for each year you were eligible but did not enroll. In addition, under certain circumstances there may be up to a 15-month delay before your Medicare Part B coverage can begin upon re-enrollment.

If you or your spouse are ineligible for Medicare Part A although over age 65 (reasons for ineligibility include non-citizenship or non-eligibility for Social Security benefits for Part A), contact us at:

NYC Health Benefits Program 40 Rector Street - 3rd Floor New York, NY 10006

Coverage for those not eligible for Medicare Part A can be provided under certain health plans. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital benefits as persons not yet age 65.

If you are living outside the USA or its territories, Medicare benefits are not available. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital and/or medical benefits as persons not yet age 65. If you do not join and/or do not continue to pay for Medicare Part B however, you will be subject to penalties if you return to the USA and attempt to enroll.

If you are eligible for Medicare Part B as a retiree but did not file with Social Security during their enrollment period (January through March) or prior to your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, you will receive supplemental medical coverage only, and only through GHI/EBCBS Senior Care.

#### **Medicare Enrollment**

You must notify the Health Benefits Program in writing immediately upon receipt of your or your dependent's Medicare card. Include the following information: a copy of the Medicare card and birth dates for yourself and spouse, retirement date, pension number and pension system, name of health plan, and name of union welfare fund.

If your plan does not provide coverage for Medicare enrollees, you will have the opportunity to transfer to another plan that does.

Once the Health Benefits Program is notified that you are covered by Medicare, deductions from your pension check will be adjusted, if applicable. The Health Benefits Program will then notify your health plan that you are enrolled in Medicare so that your benefits can be adjusted. If you are Medicare-eligible and are enrolling in an HMO you must complete an additional application which you must obtain directly from the HMO.

## Medicare and Retiring Employees

At retirement, employees who have chosen Medicare as their primary plan or whose dependents have not been covered on their plan because their spouse/domestic partner elected Medicare as the primary plan may re-enroll in the City health benefits program. This is done by completing a Health Benefits Application and submitting it to their agency health benefits, payroll or personnel office. Also at retirement, Medicare-eligible employees for whom the City Health Benefits Program had provided primary coverage are permitted to change health plans effective on the same date as their retiree health coverage

The necessary forms for Medicare Part B reimbursement and IRMAA can be found by clicking the link below.

<u>City of NY-Health Benefits Program – Medicare Part B</u>

To: All members in good standing!

Please review the following information for insurance coverage to cover a self-defense related incident involving your firearm.

The Broward 10-13 has negotiated a reduced rate for "Self-Defense Liability Coverage"

Please see the attached pages for pricing. You can obtain coverage by calling the company at (262) 384-4328 and ask for our sales rep., Eva.

#### <u>IMPORTANT:</u>

This coverage is for personal/non-professional incidents. The policy specifically EXCLUDES conduct in providing any kind of law enforcement, corrections, recovery, or repossession services, <u>WHETHER OR NOT</u> for compensation or a fee, including any injury or damage caused by or arising from such conduct.

It also EXCLUDES conduct in providing security or safety services for compensation or a fee, including any injury or damage caused by or arising from such conduct.

