

Medicare Part B

Item	Your Liability	Example
Part B Deductible	In 2019 Medicare expects you to pay the first \$185 of Part B charges.	John thinks he has broken his hand. He goes to an urgent care clinic to get checked out. It's determined that he needs immediate surgery. The total for his visit, exam, x-rays, and surgery comes to \$3,166: \$66 for the visit, \$100 for the exam, \$100 for the x-rays, and \$2,900 for the surgery. John will be responsible for the first \$185.
Part B Coinsurance	Medicare will pay 80% of Part B services, but they expect you to pay the other 20%. Please note that this coinsurance has NO LIMIT.	After John pays his \$185 deductible, \$3,000 still remains owed. Medicare will pay \$2,400 (\$3,000 x 80%), and John will be responsible for the remaining \$600.
Excess Charges	Medicare has determined a provider reimbursement rate for every medical procedure. If a provider does not agree with this set amount and would like to charge more, they are allowed to do so. However, they are only allowed to charge 15% more than the Medicare Allowed Amount. If a provider decides to charge this Excess Charge it is your responsibility.	Since the surgeon who performed John's surgery has to pay child support for two kids, he decides to charge John excess charge. While he would like to bill John for \$5,000, he can only legally bill John for \$3,335 (\$2,900 x 115%). John is responsible for all the excess charges: \$435 (\$3,335 - \$2,900)