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Social Security Administration
Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance
Notice of Change in Benefits

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Date:
Claim Number: 888-88-8888A

We are writing to give you new information on this Social Security record.

What We Will Pay

- Your next scheduled payment of \$1007.00 which is for September 2004, will be received on or about the third of October 2004.
- After that you will receive \$827.00 on or about the third of each month.

Information About Medicare

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 waived the Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premium surcharge beginning January 2004 for certain people with Medicare who are also eligible for TRICARE. We have reduced the premium you are paying for your medical insurance beginning January 2004. We are refunding any excess premiums paid from January 2004 through September 2004. Your new 2004 monthly premium is \$66.60.

We will continue to deduct Medicare premiums from your monthly checks.

Do You Think We Are Wrong?

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to appeal. We will review your case and consider any new facts you have. A person who did not make the first decision will decide your case. We will correct any mistakes. We will review those parts of the decision which you believe are wrong and will look at any new facts you have.

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We may also review those parts which you believe are correct and may make them unfavorable or less favorable to you.

- You have 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- The 60 days start the day after you get this letter. We assume you got this letter 5 days after the date on it unless you show us that you did not get it within the 5-day period.
- You must have a good reason for waiting more than 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- You have to ask for an appeal in writing. We will ask you to sign a form SSA-561-U2, called "Request for Reconsideration". Contact one of our offices if you want help.

If You Want Help With Your Appeal

You can have a friend, lawyer or someone else help you. There are groups that can help you find a lawyer or give you free legal services if you qualify. There are also lawyers who do not charge unless you win your appeal. Your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can help you with your appeal.

If you get someone to help you, you should let us know. If you hire someone, we must approve the fee before he or she can collect it. And if you hire a lawyer, we will withhold up to 25 percent of any past due benefits to pay toward the fee.

If You Have Any Questions

We invite you to visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet to find general information about Social Security. If you have any specific questions, you may call us toll free at 1-800-772-1213, or call your local Social Security office at 1-505-742-2915. We can answer most questions over the phone. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. You can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

SOCIAL SECURITY
912 PARKLAND DRIVE
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If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly when you arrive at the office.