

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Physician Notes: CMS Keeps Part B Deductibles at Same Level

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You won't have a new number to memorize when checking on whether your Part B patients have met their deductibles, because CMS has announced that the 2015 deductible will remain at the 2014 levels, which is \$147.00

"The Administration has taken important steps to improve the quality of care while keeping the cost of Medicare premiums and deductibles the same," said CMS Administrator **Marilyn Tavenner** in a statement. "This means even greater financial and health security for our seniors next year as their premiums will remain unchanged."

The Part A deductible will increase by \$44.00 next year, from the current amount of \$1,216.00 to \$1,260, CMS announced. "For beneficiaries in skilled nursing facilities, the daily co-insurance for days 21 through 100 in a benefit period will be \$157.50 in 2015, compared to \$152.00 in 2014," the agency said.