



Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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POLICY NO. FD-055: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

SUBJECT: Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premium

Under the new Medicare rules most FDPIR participants will not have to pay a premium for the Part D Prescription Drug Coverage because of their low-income status. However, some FDPIR participants may be required to pay a portion or the entire Part D premium.

Like the Medicare Part B Medical Insurance Premium, an income deduction is allowed for the full amount of the Part D premium paid by the household (see paragraph 4554 of FNS Handbook 501). The Indian Tribal Organization/State agency must verify the monthly expense for the Part D premium as is required for the Part B premium (see paragraph 3539B of FNS Handbook 501).

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