

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



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<Name>  
<Street Address>  
<City, State, ZIP>

Dear <Name>:

This letter is in reference to your Medicare premiums and your request to have them withheld from your Social Security payment. Please be assured that you still have your Medicare health care and drug coverage.

We have been unable to correctly process your request for a premium withhold for 2006. Premium amounts were not withheld from your Social Security payment for one or more months during 2006. As a result, your Medicare health plan or prescription drug plan may not have received full and accurate premium payments. You may have already been billed by your plan. If you have not, please contact your plan to arrange for the appropriate payment of your monthly premiums. Your plan may have sent you a letter with special contact information for this matter. If they have, please follow the instructions given in the letter.

If you continued your request to have premiums withheld in 2007, your January and February premium amounts will be withheld in February. Beginning in March 2007 and going forward, only the accurate monthly plan premium will be withheld from your Social Security payment. Please note that this amount will be the 2007 premium and may be higher than the premium amount for 2006.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please **telephone us toll free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Para obtener una copia de este aviso en español, llame GRATIS al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 1-877-486-2048.



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Sincerely,

John R. Dyer  
Chief Operating Officer