

Rise in Medicare's monthly payments* to private health plans in Florida

Private health plans in Miami-Dade County will get a 13.1% raise from the government in 2009 while plans in all other counties will receive hikes between 3.1% and 4.3%. The unequal payments result in differences in benefits from county to county within the same plan. Better benefits are typically available in counties with higher payments.

County	2008 payment	2009 payment	Increase	2009 amount if county received Dade's 13.1% raise
Alachua	\$731.26	\$755.49	\$24.23	\$827.06
Baker	\$798.52	\$828.76	\$30.24	\$903.13
Bay	\$763.77	\$791.78	\$28.01	\$863.82
Bradford	\$749.91	\$778.24	\$28.33	\$848.15
Brevard	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Broward	\$918.17	\$957.92	\$39.75	\$1,038.45
Calhoun	\$716.25	\$740.82	\$24.57	\$810.08
Charlotte	\$795.67	\$824.29	\$28.62	\$899.90
Citrus	\$740.29	\$767.48	\$27.19	\$837.27
Clay	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Collier	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Columbia	\$750.05	\$776.68	\$26.63	\$848.31
De Soto	\$912.72	\$947.59	\$34.87	\$1,032.29
Dixie	\$772.12	\$798.01	\$25.89	\$873.27
Duval	\$820.54	\$849.77	\$29.23	\$928.03
Escambia	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Flagler	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Franklin	\$895.29	\$924.18	\$28.89	\$1,012.57
Gadsden	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Gilchrist	\$796.27	\$822.05	\$25.78	\$900.58
Glades	\$794.07	\$822.59	\$28.52	\$898.09
Gulf	\$776.45	\$804.27	\$27.82	\$878.16
Hamilton	\$747.82	\$774.70	\$26.88	\$845.78
Hardee	\$810.20	\$842.39	\$32.19	\$916.34
Hendry	\$739.35	\$764.95	\$25.60	\$836.20
Hernando	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Highlands	\$771.23	\$799.78	\$28.55	\$872.26
Hillsborough	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Holmes	\$716.25	\$740.82	\$24.57	\$810.08
Indian River	\$785.47	\$811.75	\$26.28	\$888.37
Jackson	\$716.25	\$740.82	\$24.57	\$810.08
Jefferson	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Johns	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32

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Lafayette	\$800.64	\$827.31	\$26.67	\$905.52
Lake	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Lee	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Leon	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Levy	\$721.00	\$746.15	\$25.15	\$815.45
Liberty	\$722.42	\$751.68	\$29.26	\$817.06
Madison	\$716.25	\$740.82	\$24.57	\$810.08
Manatee	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Marion	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Martin	\$794.07	\$822.02	\$27.95	\$898.09
Miami-Dade	\$1,093.78	\$1,237.61	\$143.83	\$1,237.07
Monroe	\$840.88	\$868.01	\$27.13	\$951.04
Nassau	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Okaloosa	\$733.98	\$759.77	\$25.79	\$830.13
Okeechobee	\$918.53	\$953.95	\$35.42	\$1,038.86
Orange	\$824.74	\$852.75	\$28.01	\$932.78
Osceola	\$815.09	\$843.47	\$28.38	\$921.87
Palm Beach	\$861.20	\$893.55	\$32.35	\$974.02
Pasco	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Pinellas	\$810.56	\$836.08	\$25.52	\$916.74
Polk	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Putnam	\$737.39	\$764.99	\$27.60	\$833.99
Santa Rosa	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Sarasota	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Seminole	\$825.17	\$853.31	\$28.14	\$933.27
St Lucie	\$882.40	\$915.37	\$32.97	\$997.99
Sumter	\$743.00	\$770.33	\$27.33	\$840.33
Suwannee	\$760.92	\$785.39	\$24.47	\$860.60
Taylor	\$868.22	\$900.06	\$31.84	\$981.96
Union	\$743.19	\$772.89	\$29.70	\$840.55
Volusia	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Wakulla	\$791.62	\$818.77	\$27.15	\$895.32
Walton	\$728.61	\$755.69	\$27.08	\$824.06
Washington	\$755.30	\$783.93	\$28.63	\$854.24

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