

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 3, 2025

**An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Retired State Employee's or
Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare
Advantage**

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 30, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and
Representatives: BECK of South Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DODGE of Belfast,
HASENFUS of Readfield, MONTELL of Gardiner, ROLLINS of Augusta, SKOLD of
Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, ¶N** is enacted to read:

3 N. Beginning January 1, 2026, the State, through the commission, shall pay 100% of
4 a retiree's Medicare Part B premium under the Medicare Advantage plan identified and
5 offered by the commission and available to the retiree as authorized by the commission
6 if the retiree is not eligible for federally approved Medicaid services.

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

8 **6. Payment by State for Medicare Part B under Medicare Advantage.** Beginning
9 January 1, 2026, the State shall pay 100% of a retired teacher's Medicare Part B premium
10 under the Medicare Advantage plan administered by the Maine Education Association
11 benefits trust if the retired teacher is not eligible for federally approved Medicaid services.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the State to pay 100% of a retired state employee's or retired teacher's
14 premium for Medicare Part B under the Medicare Advantage plan beginning January 1,
15 2026.