FINDING OUT ABOUT UPCOMING DISTRIBUTIONS IN MUTUAL FUNDS

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WHY DO I CARE: I CAN GET HIT BY EXPECTED TAXES & FEES

- Medicare has IRMAA surcharges for various income levels
- Net Investment Income Tax kicks in at a relatively high income level
- I try to make sure that I'm managing my tax liabilities
 - my "Normal" income sources
 - plus <u>realized</u> capital gains from rebalancing (if any)
 - plus Roth Conversions (if any)
 - plus capital gain <u>distributions</u> from funds

UNPREDICTABLE MUTUAL FUND DISTRIBUTIONS ARE A PROBLEM FOR TAXABLE ACCOUNTS

- Funds must distribute capital gains from trading within the fund
 - In years with big drops in stock prices, funds often need to sell assets to meet redemptions
 - If those assets have capital gains they are passed on to you
- Planning for these distributions is hard because:
 - Investors don't have visibility into the fund's internal capital gains and losses
 - Many of the funds wait until December 31 to pay out the capital gains
- And you cannot say "never mind" if they push you over a limit

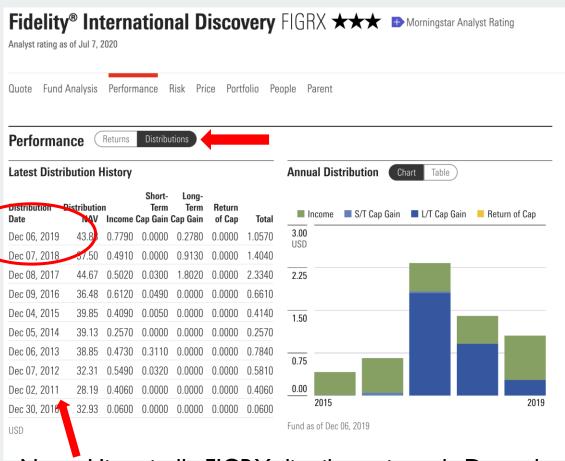
MEDICARE IRMAA SURCHARGES

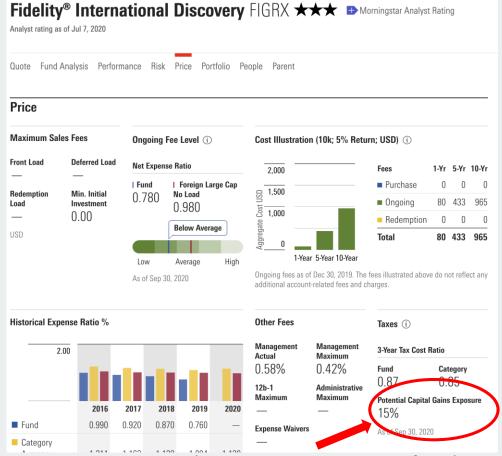
If your yearly income in 2018 (for what you pay in 2020) was			You pay each month (in 2020)	Table at left is from: https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/part-b-costs				
File individual tax return	File joint tax return	File married & separate tax return	(111 2020)					
\$87,000 or less	\$174,000 or less	\$87,000 or less	\$144.60	Standard Part B Costs – per person per month				
above \$87,000 up to \$109,000	above \$174,000 up to \$218,000	Not applicable	\$202.40	Go over \$174K MAGI and a married couple would pay an extra \$1,387 a year				
above \$109,000 up to \$136,000	above \$218,000 up to \$272,000	Not applicable	\$289.20	Go Over \$218K MAGI and add \$2,083 on top of that				
above \$136,000 up to \$163,000	above \$272,000 up to \$326,000	Not applicable	\$376.00	And it's another \$2,083 on top of that for the next levels				
above \$163,000 and less than \$500,000	above \$326,000 and less than \$750,000	above \$87,000 and less than \$413,000	\$462.70	I want to avoid crossing these limits <u>accidentally</u>				
\$500,000 or	\$750,000 and	\$413,000 and	\$491.60					
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OTHER IMPACTS: NIIT

- Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT) also cares about MAGI
- Married couples need to be conscious of a \$250K MAGI limit that causes the NIIT to kick in
- See https://www.irs.gov/individuals/net-investment-income-tax for details

RESOURCES: MORNINGSTAR DOESN'T HELP A LOT THEY TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED NOT WHAT WILL HAPPEN





Note: Historically, FIGRX distributes in early December

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Morningstar's calculation. Not the fund's

RESOURCES: IT'S UP TO THE FUND FAMILY

- Large fund families post their distribution schedules on their sites
- Unfortunately, that means going from site to site to find the information
 - There <u>used to be</u> sites that collect and redistribute this for funds
- Your broker may or may not give you access to other companies' distribution schedules
 - They may or may not give you the information over the phone
- Even if you do get the distribution schedule, remember <u>it's an estimate</u>

RESOURCES: YOUR FUND'S FAMILY

(EG, HTTPS://WWW.FIDELITY.COM/MUTUAL-FUNDS/INFORMATION/DISTRIBUTIONS#/?TABLE=ESTIMATED)

Fund Name	Short- Term Capital Gain	Long- Term Capital Gain	Total Per Share	Ex.Date	Pay Date	NAV (\$)	% of NAV	As of Date *
Fidelity Advisor [®] International Discovery Fund - Class I	0.166	2.014	2.179	12/04/2020	12/07/2020	47.54	4.5800	09/30/2020
Fidelity Advisor SM Capital Development Fund - Class O	0.00	0.505	0.505	12/18/2020	12/21/2020	14.71	3.4300	09/30/2020
Fidelity Advisor SM Diversified Stock Fund - Class O	0.00	1.215	1.215	12/18/2020	12/21/2020	30.57	3.9700	09/30/2020
Fidelity Asset Manager [®]	0.017	0.00	0.017	12/30/2020	12/31/2020	14.02	0.1200	09/30/2020

Note:

- Differing pay dates
- Differing % of NAV
- As of Date
 - Says when this estimate was made
 - Lots could happen between now and December
- Not all funds have estimates now
- I start to plan now, and recheck as we get closer to December