Medicare Enrollment, 1970-2035

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People with Medicare

- Half live on annual incomes of $23,500 or less
- 1 in 4 live on annual incomes of $14,400 or less
- Half have $61,400 or less in personal savings
- In 2030, half with incomes of $28,250 or less
- In 2030, half with savings of $101,150 or less
People with Medicare

- 26% report being in fair or poor health
- 30% enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan
- 31% with a cognitive or mental impairment
- 34% with at least one functional impairment
- 45% with 4 or more chronic conditions
People with Medicare

- Average Medicare households spend 14% of income on health care vs. 5% among non-Medicare households.

- Spending on premiums is rising: 26% of average Social Security benefit in 2010 vs. 6% in 1970.
People with Medicare

No “one size fits all” for people with Medicare. Cost is only one variable in selecting optimal coverage for a person’s needs. Others include:

- The network—provider and pharmacy access
- The coverage rules—including restrictions
- The premium and other cost sharing
- Year-to-year changes are commonplace
People with Medicare

2012 HELPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

33% of all questions—the largest single category of problems handled by the Medicare Rights Center helpline in 2012—involves insurance denials and appeals

The majority of appeals calls related to Medicare Advantage and Part D denials

2012 HELPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

23% of callers to Medicare Rights’ helpline in 2012 had questions about transitioning to Medicare

Nearly all of these callers needed help enrolling in or disenrolling from Medicare Part B, or determining how Medicare works with other types of insurance

2012 HELPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

21% of all questions fielded by the helpline are related to low-income program enrollment

More than half of low-income calls were related to Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), and one-quarter of calls involved the Extra Help program

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Susan (age 65) was recently hospitalized for a hip replacement and is now home recovering. On top of her monthly Medicare premiums, Susan is paying $400 per month for anti-rejection drugs and physical therapy. Susan’s income totals about $1,400 per month, and she has just over $13,000 in personal savings. Her modest income and assets make her ineligible for federal assistance programs.
Add a dental benefit

Medicare Rights routinely highlights the needs of caregivers—does Medicare Advantage (MA) really meet these needs? If not, this long-standing gap in health care coverage should add a dental benefit to Medicare for all.

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