

Table 3. Overview of Studies of Medicare Advantage Plans (no comparison with traditional Medicare)

Study Sample					Analytic Controls			Comparisons	
Metric/Study	Geography	MA Plan Types (mainly HMOs pre 2006) ⁶	Beneficiary Age	Data Time Period	Geographic Variation	Socio-demographic Characteristics	Health Status/Risk	MA vs. TM ⁺	Plan Type
MedPAC 2014a	National	HMO, Local PPO	All	2012-2013					√ HMO vs. PPO
Schneider et al. 2004	National	HMOs	65+	1997	√	√			√ (tax status)
NCQA 2013	National	HMOs and PPOs	All	2001-2012					√
Trivedi et al. 2005	National	HMOs	65+	1997-2003	√	√			
Schneider et al. 2005	National	HMOs	65+	1997	√	√			√ (tax status)

NOTE: Four of these five studies examined HEDIS effectiveness metrics and the fifth (Schneider et al 2004) examined procedure use (from HEDIS use and relative resources data) across types of HMOs.

SOURCE: Authors' analysis based on review of published papers.

⁺ Abbreviations refer to Medicare Advantage (MA) and traditional Medicare (TM).

⁶ Until 2004, MA was known as Medicare+Choice.