Medicare Marketing by Health Insurers and Brokers

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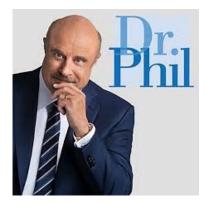


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TV Airways Were Flooded With Ads for Medicare Plans

Regular viewers of talk shows, reality court shows and game shows were exposed to hundreds of ads over the ten week period when ads for open enrollment were permitted.

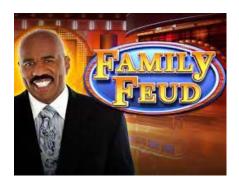
On average, across the top 20 markets, there were:



404 ads, 8 ads/day



336 ads, 7 ads/day



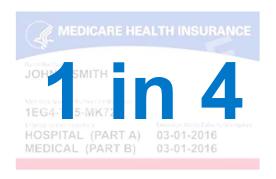
281 ads, 6 ads/day

SOURCE: KFF and Wesleyan Media Project, "How Health Insurers and Brokers are Marketing Medicare, An Analysis of Medicare Advantage, Medigap and Prescription Drug TV Ads for the 2023 Open Enrollment Period," September 2023.



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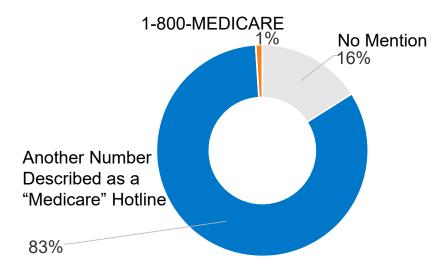


Medicare Advantage ad airings included images of an official Medicare card or something that looked similar

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Over 80% of broker/third-party airings urged viewers to call a private "Medicare" hotline







More Than 50,000 Airings Suggested That People With Medicare Miss Out if They are not in Medicare Advantage







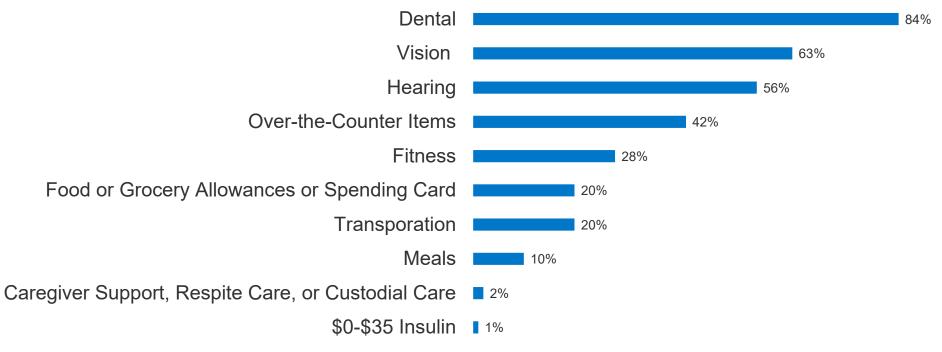




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The Vast Majority of Medicare Advantage Ad Airings Touted Extra Benefits







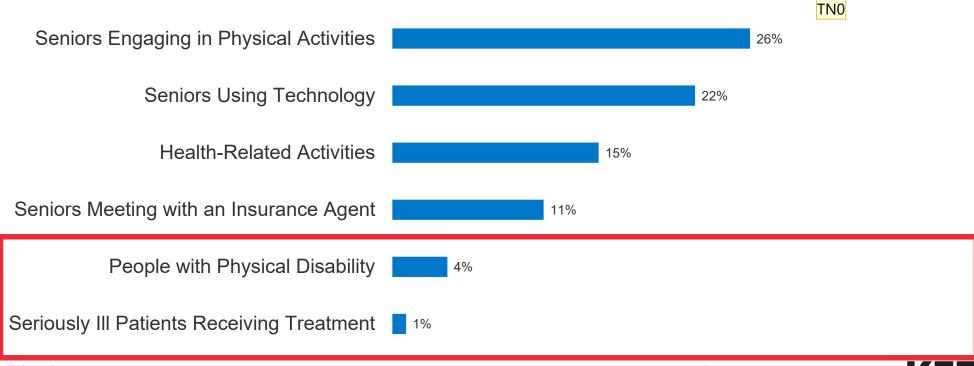
More Than Two-Thirds of Broker and Third-Party-Sponsored Airings Promoted Money Back in Your Social Security Check

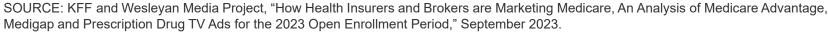


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One-Quarter of Medicare Advantage Airings Showed Active Seniors, Few Had People With Disabilities or Serious Illness







Medicare Beneficiaries may be Left Without a Clear Understanding of Coverage Options and Their Tradeoffs



SOURCE: KFF, "What do People with Medicare Think About the Role of Marketing, Shopping for Medicare Options, and Their Coverage?" September 2023.

