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Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight:

ENROLLMENT MARKET UPDATE

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In 2013, 14.4 million Medicare beneficiaries are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans, an increase of more than 1 million (9.7%) from 2012. Despite concerns that payment changes enacted in the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) would lead to reductions in enrollment, enrollment has increased by 30 percent since 2010. Enrollment growth has averaged about 10 percent annually since 2009 and enrollment has grown by a factor of 2.6 from 2005. About 28 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans in 2013, ranging from 49 percent of beneficiaries in Minnesota to less than one percent and three percent of beneficiaries, respectively in Alaska and Wyoming. There is little evidence of an adverse effect on enrollment in low versus high cost counties as a result of payment rate changes in the ACA. As in prior years, national Medicare Advantage enrollment tends to be concentrated among a small number of firms; five firms or affiliates (BlueCross BlueShield) account for two-thirds of all Medicare Advantage enrollment.

Beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plans (MA-PDs) pay about the same premium (\$35 per month) in 2013, on average, as plan enrollees in 2012, with somewhat lower premiums in health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and higher premiums in other plan types. While the vast majority of beneficiaries (98%) have access to a MA-PD with no premium, slightly more than half (55%) of beneficiaries are enrolled in a zero-premium plan in 2013, varying by plan type and locale. All Medicare Advantage plans have a limit on out-of-pocket spending, and nearly half of all Medicare Advantage enrollees are in a plan with a limit at or below \$3,400 per year.

This Data Spotlight provides an overview of Medicare Advantage enrollment patterns in March 2013, and examines variations by plan type, state, and firm. It also analyzes trends in premiums paid by beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans, including variations by plan type, and describes the out-of-pocket limits and prescription drug coverage in the Part D "donut hole" provided by the plans in 2013.

ENROLLMENT

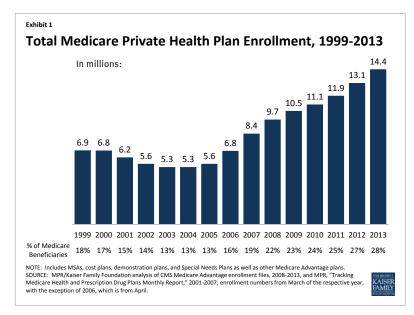
Nationwide Enrollment. Over 14 million beneficiaries—28 percent of the Medicare population— are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan in 2013 (Exhibit 1; Table A1).1 Total enrollment in 2013 grew by more than 1 million, or 9.7 percent, between 2012 and 2013, and by 3.3 million (30%) since 2010. This growth is a continuation of the rapid growth in enrollment that occurred concurrently with the introduction of Part D in 2006, and the implementation of other changes to the Medicare Advantage program authorized by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003. This growth in enrollment has occurred despite the fact that the average number of plans available to enrollees nationwide declined from a high of 48 plans in 2009 to 20 plans in 2012 and 2013.2

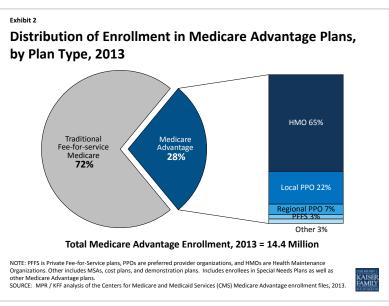
Enrollment by Plan Type. Despite the increasing diversity in plans with Medicare Advantage enrollment since the MMA was enacted, majority of enrollees still are in HMOs. In 2013, 65 percent of Medicare Advantage enrollees are in HMOs, 22 percent are enrolled in local PPOs, 7 percent are enrolled in regional PPOs, and 4 percent are enrolled in private fee-for-service (PFFS) plans (Exhibit 2).

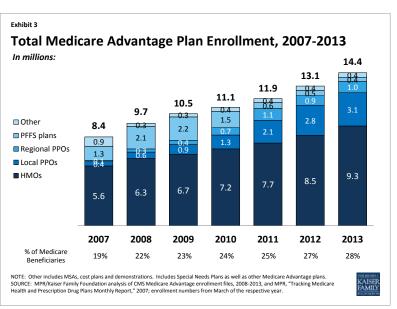
HMOs. In 2013, 9.3 million enrollees

 almost two-thirds of Medicare

 Advantage enrollees – are in HMOs, up 9 percent from 2012. With HMO enrollment growing at about the same rate as the overall Medicare Advantage program, the share of Medicare
 Advantage enrollees in HMOs has been relatively steady over the past few years (Exhibit 3).







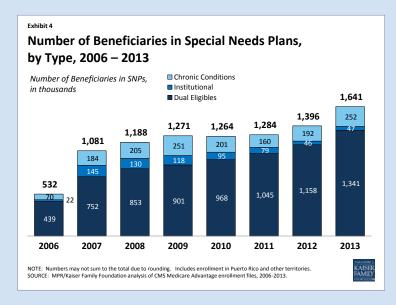
- » **PPOs.** The number of Medicare Advantage enrollees in local and regional PPOs has grown rapidly from 500,000 in 2007 (6% of Medicare Advantage enrollment) to 4.1 million in 2013 (29% of Medicare Advantage enrollment).
 - **Local PPOs.** Three times as many enrollees are in local PPOs as in regional PPOs. Enrollment in local PPOs continues to grow at a steady rate. In 2013, 3.1 million Medicare beneficiaries are enrolled in such plans, up from 2.8 million in 2012 and 2.1 million in 2011; only 400,000 beneficiaries were enrolled in local PPOs in 2007.
 - **Regional PPOs.** In contrast to local PPOs, enrollment in regional PPOs has been more uneven over time, and declined between 2011 and 2012. In 2013, total enrollment in regional PPOs slightly increased but remained below its peak in 2011.
- » **PFFS plans.** In contrast to other plan types, enrollment in PFFS plans continued its steady decline from a high of 2.2 million in 2009 (21% of Medicare Advantage enrollment). In 2013, 400,000 enrollees (3%) are in PFFS plans, down from 500,000 enrollees (4%) in 2012. The decline in enrollment coincided with the sharp reduction in number of PFFS plans offered, beginning in 2010, as a result of the addition of the requirement by the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers (MIPPA) of 2008 for PFFS plans to have networks of providers in most counties as of 2011.³

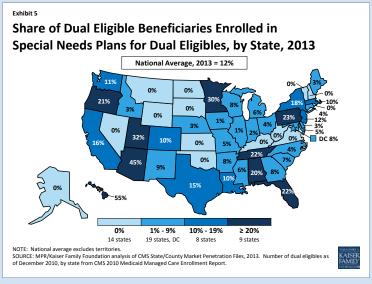
ENROLLMENT IN SPECIAL NEEDS PLANS IN 2013

Special Needs Plans, a form of Medicare Advantage plan, were authorized in 2003 to provide a managed care option for three groups of beneficiaries with significant or relatively specialized care needs, including Medicare beneficiaries who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid (D-SNPs), beneficiaries requiring a nursing home or institutional level of care (I-SNPs), and beneficiaries with severe chronic or disabling conditions (C-SNPs). While SNPs are offered through HMOs, local PPOs and regional PPOs, 87 percent of SNP enrollees are in an HMO in 2013.

The number of enrollees in SNPs increased from 1.4 million in 2012 to 1.6 million in 2013 (Exhibit 4). D-SNPs account for 82 percent of all SNP enrollees and include 1.3 million enrollees in 2013. Enrollment in C-SNPs increased by 31 percent in 2013 to about 252,000; enrollment in C-SNPs now exceeds the previous peak in C-SNP enrollment in 2009 when CMS implemented rules limiting the conditions C-SNPs could cover. Among enrollees in C-SNPs, 90 percent are in plans related to chronic heart failure. cardiovascular disease and/or diabetes. The number of enrollees in I-SNPs continues to be a small share of SNP enrollment accounting for about 3 percent of total SNP enrollment. Of the 47,000 enrolled in I-SNPs, most are in plans owned by UnitedHealthcare (67%) or SCAN Health Plan (13%).

Nationwide, 12 percent of dual-eligible beneficiaries are in D-SNPs in 2013, up from 10 percent in 2012. D-SNP enrollment varies considerably across states. In 9 states (AL, AZ, FL, HI, MN, OR, PA, TN, and UT), 20 percent or more of all dual-eligible

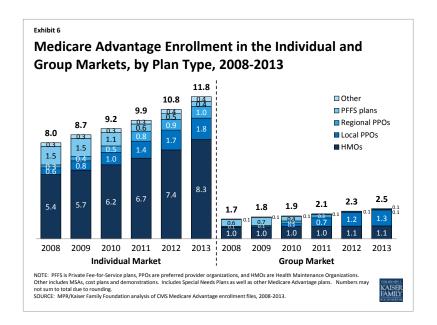




beneficiaries are enrolled in D-SNPs in 2013, including Hawaii where more than half (55%) of all dual-eligible beneficiaries are enrolled in D-SNPs (Exhibit 5). In contrast, no dual-eligible beneficiaries are enrolled in D-SNPs in 14 states in 2013.

Enrollment in Group Plans. Most

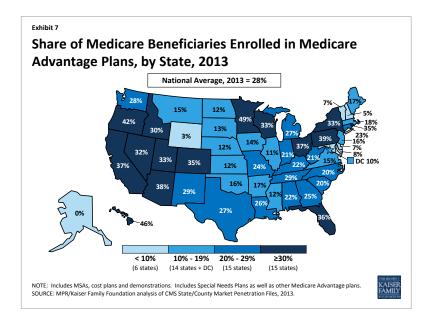
Medicare beneficiaries who enroll in Medicare Advantage plans do so as individuals, but 18 percent are enrolled through group plans in 2013 (Table A.1). The group market consists largely of employer-sponsored Medicare Advantage plans for retirees. Employer-sponsored plans typically contract directly with the Medicare Advantage plans to design a benefit package that meets the needs of the retirees. From 2012 to 2013, enrollment in group plans grew by 9.4 percent, slightly lower than the 9.8 percent growth in individual enrollment. In the group market, PPOs have a larger



share of enrollment in 2013 than HMOs, which dominate the individual market. Among group enrollees, almost half (48%) are in local PPOs, and 2 percent are in regional PPOs (Exhibit 6).

Geographic Variation in Enrollment. Medicare Advantage penetration varies substantially by state and within states. In 2013, as in 2012, 6 states (AK, DE, MD, NH, VT and WY) had less than 10 percent of their beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage plans and 14 states had 30 percent or more beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage. This variation reflects both the greater prevalence of Medicare Advantage plans in metropolitan areas and other factors, such as the history of managed care in the state and the prevalence of employer-sponsored insurance for retirees. While not shown here, Medicare Advantage penetration often varies widely across counties within the same state.⁴

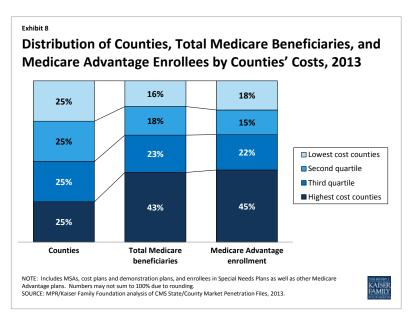
For example, 57 percent – more than half – of beneficiaries in Miami-Dade County in Florida are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans, compared to 35 percent of beneficiaries in Palm Beach County. Similarly, 46 percent of beneficiaries in Orange County, California are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans, compared to 14 percent of beneficiaries in Santa Barbara, California. In 2013, Medicare Advantage enrollment and penetration rate increased in all states except Utah and Wyoming (Exhibit 7, Table A2 and Table A3). In most states, Medicare Advantage penetration increased by about a percent or two between 2012 and 2013.



» Enrollment in Metropolitan Compared to Non-Metropolitan areas. Eighty percent of Medicare beneficiaries eligible to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan live in metropolitan areas. In 2013, the overall penetration of Medicare Advantage enrollment is 30.6 percent for beneficiaries in metropolitan areas as compared with 18.3 percent in non-metropolitan areas (data not shown). In 2013, Medicare Advantage enrollment continued to grow in both types of areas. However, the distribution of enrollees across types of plans differs between metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas. HMOs account for a much larger share of enrollees in metropolitan areas than nonmetropolitan areas (70% versus 32%) in 2013. Other plan types have a larger share of enrollment in non-metropolitan areas. These differences are due to a variety of factors. It often is easier for plans to form closed provider networks in metropolitan areas that have more providers than non-metropolitan areas, and many metropolitan areas have a longer history of managed care than non-metropolitan areas. In 2013, 34 percent of enrollees in Medicare Advantage plans in non-metropolitan areas were in local PPOs, 18 percent were in regional PPOs, and 10 percent were in PFFS plans. The market share of PFFS plans in non-metropolitan areas continued to decline in 2013.

» Enrollment by Payment Rates.

Two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries reside in counties in the top half of Medicare fee-for-service costs (the top two payment quartiles). Forty-three percent of Medicare beneficiaries—and 45 percent of Medicare Advantage enrollees—are in the top quartile with the highest fee-for-service costs (Exhibit 8). The distribution of enrollees by payment quartile has been relatively unchanged since the ACA was passed (not shown), and enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans is relatively proportional to the number of Medicare beneficiaries residing in each payment



quartile. In general, Medicare Advantage penetration by plan type does not vary greatly by payment quartile, and there is little evidence of an adverse effect of payment rate changes in the ACA on enrollment in counties, across all payment quartiles (Table 1).⁵

TABLE 1.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE ENROLLMENT AND PENETRATION RATES IN HMOs AND OTHER PLAN TYPES, BY COUNTIES' COSTS, 2011-2013

	2011		2012		2013		% CHANGE	% CHANGE
	ENROLLMENT	PENETRATION	ENROLLMENT	PENETRATION	ENROLLMENT	PENETRATION	ENROLLMENT, 2011-2013	PENETRATION, 2011-2013
TOTAL								
Highest cost counties	5,327,009	26%	5,841,874	27%	6,424,806	29%	21%	3%
Third quartile	2,597,314	23%	2,860,238	25%	3,153,687	26%	21%	3%
Second quartile	1,780,554	21%	1,979,929	23%	2,188,981	24%	23%	3%
Lowest cost counties	2,213,450	29%	2,407,614	31%	2,594,141	32%	17%	3%
HMOS								
Highest cost counties	4,143,823	20%	4,448,435	21%	4,864,646	22%	17%	2%
Third quartile	1,536,786	14%	1,683,128	14%	1,877,124	16%	22%	2%
Second quartile	838,808	10%	977,524	11%	1,114,918	12%	33%	2%
Lowest cost counties	1,222,611	16%	1,355,503	17%	1,493,211	18%	22%	2%
NON-HMOS								
Highest cost counties	1,183,186	6%	1,393,439	7%	1,560,160	7%	32%	1%
Third quartile	1,060,528	9%	1,177,110	10%	1,276,563	11%	20%	1%
Second quartile	941,746	11%	1,002,405	12%	1,074,063	12%	14%	1%
Lowest cost counties	990,839	13%	1,052,111	13%	1,100,930	14%	11%	1%

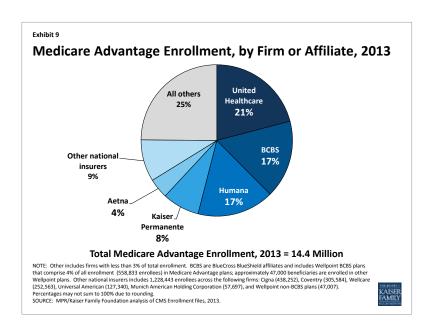
Source: MPR/Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of CMS Medicare Advantage enrollment and landscape files, 2011-2013

Starting in 2012, Medicare payments to plans began to reflect the phase-in of changes enacted in the ACA of 2010. Payments to plans depend on the relationship between their bids and the counties' Medicare fee-for-service costs, and payments also can be increased by any quality based bonus payments the plan may receive. After being frozen in 2011 at 2010 levels, benchmarks (the maximum Medicare will pay a plan) are being adjusted down, as required by the ACA. Once changes are fully phased in, benchmarks will range from 95 percent of Medicare fee-for-service costs for counties in the top quartile of per capita fee-for-service spending (e.g., Miami-Dade county) to 115 percent of fee-for-service costs in the bottom quartile of per capita fee-for-service spending (e.g., Boise county). Although the counties are divided into quartiles for payment purposes, with equal numbers of counties in each quartile, many counties are lightly populated and a disproportionate share of Medicare beneficiaries live in the highest cost counties where Medicare fee-for-service costs (and payments to Medicare Advantage plans) are greater.

MARKET CONCENTRATION

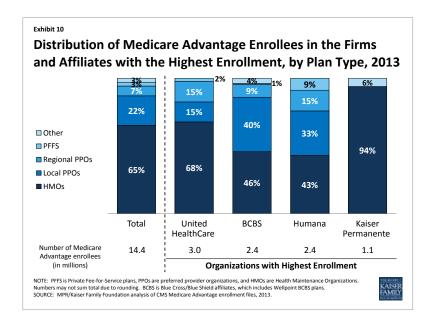
Nationwide Market Concentration.

As in prior years, Medicare Advantage enrollment tends to be highly concentrated among a small number of firms in 2013 and such concentration may be growing (Exhibit 9; Table A1). In 2013, five firms or affiliates account for 63 percent of all enrollees: United Healthcare (21%), BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) affiliates (17%, including 4% in Wellpoint BCBS affiliates), Humana (17%)Kaiser Permanente (8%) and Aetna (4%). Another seven national firms account for 11 percent of all enrollment. The largest of these is Cigna (3%) followed by



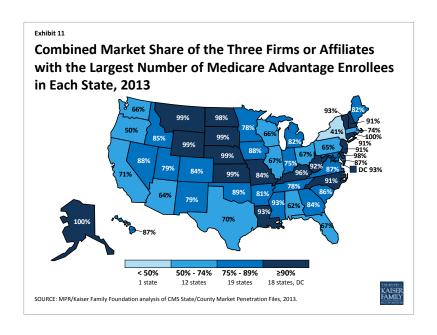
Coventry, Wellcare, HealthNet, and Universal American. The remainder of enrollees (25%) is in plans offered by more locally or regionally focused firms. Those firms with 100,000 enrollees or more in 2013, included: two companies based in Puerto Rico (InnovaCare and Medical Card System with 229,812 and 116,665 enrollees, respectively), New York based Emblem Health (180,242 enrollees), Medica (144,906 enrollees), SCAN Health Plan (143,870 enrollees), the University of Pittsburg Medical Center in Pennsylvania (120,658 enrollees) and UCare Minnesota (103,137 enrollees).

As has been the case historically, almost all of Kaiser Permanente's enrollees (94%) are in HMOs and the remainder are in similarly structured cost plans (Exhibit 10). United Heathcare also has a large share of enrollees in HMOs (68%) although the share has declined from 73 percent in 2011; almost all of the remaining enrollees in United Healthcare plans are in local and regional PPOs (15% each). Among plans operated by BCBS affiliates, 46 percent of enrollees are in HMOs, 40 percent are in local PPOs, and another 9 percent are in regional PPOs. Humana continues to have a smaller share of enrollment in HMOs (43%) compared to



other large firms, with 33 percent of Humana's enrollees in local PPOs, 15 percent in regional PPOs, and 9 percent in PFFS plans; this distribution of enrollment across Humana's plans reflects a major shift from earlier years when a much larger share of Humana's Medicare Advantage enrollment was in PFFS plans.

Market Concentration by State. As is the case nationally, a small number of firms also dominate Medicare Advantage enrollment in most states (Exhibit 11, Table A4). In 37 states, as well as the District of Columbia, 75 percent or more of enrollment is in plans sponsored by three companies, including 18 states and the District of Columbia where three companies account for 90 percent or more of the state's Medicare Advantage enrollment. In 15 states and the District of Columbia, one company has more than half of all Medicare Advantage enrollment. United Healthcare has the largest market share in 20 states and is among the top three

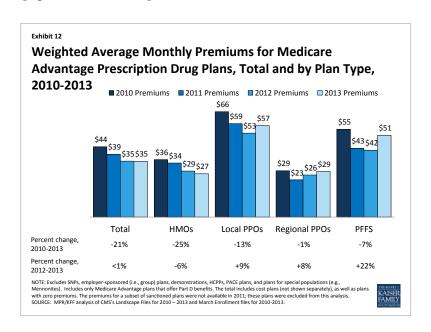


firms in an additional 17 states and the District of Columbia. Humana has the largest enrollment in 12 states and is among the top 3 in another 17 states. BCBS affiliates have the most enrollment in 7 states (AL, HI, ID, MI, NC, OR, and PA) and are among the top three firms in another 15 states. Kaiser Permanente's presence is more geographically focused than the other major national firms and affiliates, with a heavy concentration in California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maryland and Oregon; Kaiser Permanente has more enrollees than any other firm in California, the District of Columbia, and Maryland. Locally dominant plans, that is, those with most Medicare Advantage enrollees in their state, include Martin's Point Health Care (ME), TAHMO (MA), Medica (MN, ND, and SD), New West Health Services (MT), and Presbyterian Healthcare Services (NM).

PREMIUMS

Medicare Advantage enrollees are responsible for paying the Part B premium, in addition to any premium charged by the plan. Premiums for Medicare Advantage plans include premiums for supplemental benefits or reduced cost sharing beyond those that are covered by traditional Medicare, as well as any costs of Part A and Part B benefits that exceed the county benchmark, and any costs for Part D benefits that remain after the plan apportions available savings (if any) between what they are paid by the government and what it costs them to deliver benefits. Plans also may use any savings to offset the Part B premium (what is termed a "rebate"), although only a small share choose to do so. In this brief, we analyze premiums for MA-PDs because the vast majority (95%) of Medicare Advantage enrollees in individual plans select a Medicare Advantage plan that has a drug benefit (MA-PD).

Average Premium Trends. The average enrollee in a MA-PD paid a monthly premium of about \$35 in 2013, about the same as in 2012 and down from \$39 in 2011 and \$44 in 2010 (Exhibit 12). The actual premium an enrollee pays will vary by plan type and locale, as well as by decisions the enrollee makes among plans that tradeoff higher premiums for more comprehensive benefits. Between 2012 and 2013, the average enrollee in a Medicare HMO saw their premium decrease by 6 percent (from \$29 to \$27). In contrast, average premiums increased for enrollees in other types of plans; average premiums in regional PPOs increased by



8 percent (from \$26 to \$29), 9 percent in local PPOs (from \$53 to \$57), and 22 percent in PFFS plans (from \$42 to \$51), although few enrollees were in PFFS plans.

In the fall of 2012, we calculated that beneficiaries who were enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans would pay a premium of \$39 per month if they stayed in the same plan. Based on actual enrollment, we now show the average enrollee paying a premium of \$35 per month. The difference between the \$39 estimate from the fall spotlight and the \$35 actual average premium in 2013 reflects both changes in beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage from 2012 to 2013 and shifts by enrollees to more attractive plans, including lower premium plans. Differences between estimated and actual premiums were greatest for enrollees in local PPOs and PFFS plans. On average, enrollees in such plans pay more in premiums and the premiums increased the most between 2012 and 2013, presumably providing motivation for beneficiaries to switch plans or, if newly enrolled in Medicare Advantage, to choose a lower premium plan.

Zero Premium Plans. In 2013, the vast majority of beneficiaries (98%) have access to a MA-PD with no premium, other than the Part B premium, and slightly more than half (55%) of enrollees are in plans with no premiums in 2013 (Table 2). Among enrollees in HMOs, who account for almost two-thirds of Medicare Advantage enrollees, two-thirds (67%) are in a plan with no premium. Zero premium plans are also common for enrollees in regional PPOs (49%) but less common for enrollees in local PPOs (24%) and PFFS plans (17%). The share of enrollees in a zero premium plan is lower in 2013 than 2012 for every plan type other than HMOs.

TABLE 2.

SELECTED PLAN BENEfitS AND PREMIUMS FOR ENROLLEES IN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS (MA-PDS), BY PLAN TYPE, 2013

PREMIUMS AND BENEFITS	ALL PLANS	HMOs	LOCAL PPOs	REGIONAL PPOs	PFFS PLANS	Cost Plans
% of enrollees with no premium	55%	66%	24%	49%	17%	7%
Average premium, if any	\$78.18	\$81.25	\$75.67	\$56.53	\$61.75	\$140.82
OUT-OF-POCKET LIMIT						
\$2500 or less	5%	5%	6%	0%	0%	4%
\$2501-\$3400	42%	48%	32%	2%	0%	86%
\$3401-\$5000	30%	27%	41%	40%	100%	6%
\$5001-\$6700	24%	21%	21%	58%	0%	4%
PART D COVERAGE IN THE GAP OR "DO	DUGHNUT HOLE	799				
All generics and all brands	<1%	<1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Some generics and some brands	27%	27%	27%	19%	54%	17%
Generics only	22%	29%	13%	0%	< 1%	4%
No gap coverage	49%	43%	60%	81%	43%	79%
Information not available	1%	< 1%	< 1%	0%	2%	<1 %

NOTE: Coverage in the Part D coverage gap in 2013 includes more than a 52.3% discount on brand-name drugs and additional coverage of generic drugs than required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010. Premiums weighted by March 2013 enrollment. Excludes Medicare Advantage plans that do not offer prescription drug coverage, special needs plans (SNPs), and employer group health plans. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Information was not available on the out-of-pocket limits for 4% of plans, including 99% of PFFS plans, 3% of cost plans, and less than 1% of local PPOs and HMOs; no regional PPOs were missing information about the plan's out-of-pocket limits.

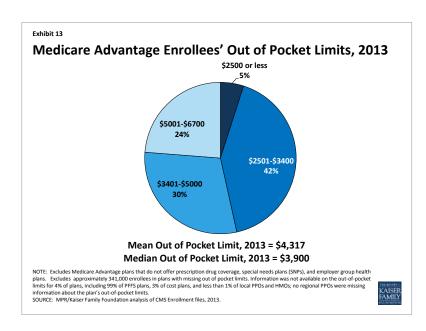
SOURCE: MPR/Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of CMS Medicare Advantage enrollment and landscape files, 2013.

Average premiums and the prevalence of enrollment in zero premium plans also varies across firms, even when the comparison is restricted to plans of the same type (e.g., HMOs; Table A5 and Table A6). For example, 90 percent of United Healthcare enrollees are in zero premium plans, including 90 percent of their HMO enrollees and over half of their enrollees in all other plan types. In contrast, only 45 percent of Kaiser Permanente enrollees in HMOs (their main offering) are in a zero premium plan. Enrollees in Humana's HMOs typically pay no premium (78%) but enrollees in other Humana plan types typically do. While such data do not reveal the reasons for these differences and some of it probably reflects geographic variation in firm markets, it probably also reflects firms' target market niche and their marketing strategy.

BENEFITS: OUT-OF-POCKET LIMITS AND COVERAGE IN THE DONUT HOLE

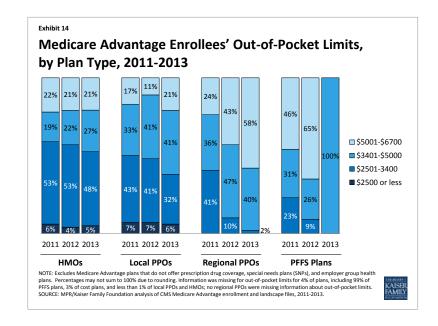
To gain a better sense of the potential trade-offs between premiums and benefits, we examined differences among plans in two types of benefits: the limit on out of pocket costs set by the plan and the availability of expanded Part D benefits relating to the coverage gap or "donut hole" (Table 2). It is beyond the scope of this analysis to look more in depth at benefits, such as cost-sharing for inpatient hospital services or skilled nursing facility services, which vary across Medicare Advantage plans.⁹

Out-of-Pocket Limits. Although traditional Medicare does not include an annual out of pocket limit on cost sharing for Medicare Part A and B benefits, CMS began requiring in 2011 that all Medicare Advantage plans have a limit below \$6700 annually and recommends a limit of \$3400 or lower. The average out of pocket limit for Medicare Advantage enrollees is \$4,317, and half of all Medicare Advantage enrollees are in plans with out of pocket limits at or below \$3900 (Exhibit 13). In 2013, 46 percent of all enrollees are in plans with limits at or below \$3400, 30 percent are in plans with limits of \$3401 to \$5000, and 24 percent are in plans with higher limits



(\$5001 to \$6700). Even though all plans have limits on out-of-pocket spending for covered services, the actual level varies across plans, with substantial differences, on average, across plan types. HMOs tend to have lower out of pocket limits (53% had limits of \$3400 or less in 2013) than other plan types. Out of pocket limits are typically higher in regional PPOs and PFFS plans and very few regional PPO and PFFS enrollees are in plans with limits at or below the \$3400 recommended level.

Over the past couple of years, out-of-pocket limits have increased among some plan types (Exhibit 14). In particular, between 2011 and 2013, out-of-pocket limits increased for many enrollees in regional PPOs and local PPOs. All enrollees in PFFS plans in 2013 are in plans with out-of-pocket limits between \$3401 and \$5000 – a departure from prior years. While the out of pocket limits for enrollees in HMOs have changed relatively less, the share of enrollees in HMOs with limits below \$3400 has decreased. While actual out-of-pocket spending also depends on the structure of cost sharing within a plan, limits are important



and also valuable in communicating to beneficiaries their potential maximum liability.¹⁰

Coverage in the Part D Donut Hole. The standard Medicare Part D benefit in 2013 has a \$325 deductible and 25 percent coinsurance up to an initial coverage limit of \$2,970 in total drug costs, followed by a coverage gap (the so called "donut hole") until their total out of pocket Part D spending reaches \$4,750 when the catastrophic limit kicks in and beneficiaries pay 5 percent or specified limits from drugs. The ACA gradually phases down the coverage gap until it is eliminated in 2020. In 2013, enrollees in plans with no additional gap coverage will pay 47.5 percent of the total cost of brands and 79 percent of the total cost of generics until they reach the catastrophic limit.

Covering a larger share of beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs in the "coverage gap" is one way Medicare Advantage plans can enhance benefits. In 2013, about half of all Medicare Advantage enrollees were in plans that provided some additional coverage in the gap; about 28 percent had some coverage for brand drugs in the gap. HMOs and PFFS plans were more likely to provide additional coverage in the gap. Regional PPOs were least likely to do so. Most stand-alone Part D plans provide little or no gap coverage in 2013 beyond what is required under the standard benefit.¹³

DISCUSSION

Medicare Advantage enrollment continues to grow despite concerns about payment reductions enacted in the ACA; since 2010, enrollment has increased by 30 percent and enrollment continues to grow across counties and high and low payment quartiles. However, the payment reductions have not been fully phased in and quality-based bonus payments have partly off-set the payment reductions. Future trends are uncertain. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the CMS Office of the Actuary (OACT) have both projected that enrollment will continue to increase in 2014, but CBO has projected that enrollment will continue to increase in 2015 and future years, whereas OACT has projected that enrollment will decrease after 2014. 14

While the market has been relatively stable and plan enrollment has continued to grow, it remains to be seen how companies will respond to reductions in payments implemented as part of the ACA. Firms historically have said that decisions about participation and benefits are made on a county by county basis, taking to account costs of care, provider contracts, and the competitive environment.¹⁵ Over the next few years, it is possible there will be some shakeout in the market as payment reductions are implemented and benchmarks move closer to spending for traditional Medicare. Ultimately, to remain viable, some plans either will have to become more efficient or modify the extra benefits they provide to their enrollees. From a cost perspective, HMOs, for example, seem to have an advantage, on average, over other model types.¹⁶ The fact that enrollment continues to grow in both high and low payment quartiles is encouraging as it suggests that the market currently has sufficient choice to attract enrollees, even if some plans become less competitive. However, this analysis did not examine cost-sharing or benefits and it is unclear to what extent plans have changed cost-sharing or extra benefits since 2012.

Ultimately, the shape of both Medicare Advantage and the Medicare program more generally will be shaped by the policy and fiscal climate. There are very different perspectives on the kinds of protections Medicare needs to provide for seniors and younger enrollees with disabilities, the appropriate level of Medicare spending and how to finance it, and how Medicare benefits should be provided. The outcome of the debate over these issues likely will influence in critical ways the future of Medicare Advantage and the Medicare program more generally.

Endnotes

- Statistics include cost and demonstration plans even though they are organized under separate authority from Medicare Advantage. Enrollment includes those in special needs plans, as well as regular Medicare Advantage plans, and includes those enrolled individually and through groups. The analysis is based on publicly available CMS data from the contract/plan/state/county enrollment file. This file excludes enrollment counts with fewer than 11 people in a plan in a county. County-plan records without a valid FIPS county identifier were also excluded from the analysis. These small exclusions add up to about 259,967 people or 1.8 percent of total Medicare Advantage enrollment in 2013.
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Appendix

TABLE A1. MEDICARE ADVANTAGE ENROLLMENT BY FIRM, 2012-2013

	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	LMENT	HMOS		LOCAL PPOS		REGIONAL PPOS	PPOS	PFFS		COST		OTHER	
FIRM OR AFFILIATE	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
TOTAL ENROLLMENT														
UnitedHealthcare	2,552,244	3,020,485	1,780,159	2,044,534	338,965	446,191	361,882	454,654	71,238	75,106				
Humana	2,217,209	2,372,854	920,513	1,022,713	753,794	776,518	303,842	363,165	239,060	210,458				
BCBS	2,254,770	2,404,841	933,177	1,099,674	989,006	967,160	243,013	225,959	14,511	17,544	74,866	94,118	197	386
Wellpoint BCBS	581,190	558,833	183,221	263,203	235,022	146,865	162,947	148,765						
Other BCBS plans	1,673,580	1,846,008	749,956	836,471	753,984	820,295	990,08	77,194	14,511	17,544	74,866	94,118	197	386
Kaiser Permanente	1,073,556	1,145,322	1,006,513	1,074,900		-					67,043	70,422		
Coventry	246,433	305,584	146,225	172,703	100,208	132,881								
Aetna	421,628	614,946	153,149	185,335	268,479	429,611								
WellCare	147,768	252,563	147,768	252,563										
CIGNA	399,829	438,252	390,034	429,138	9,795	8,736				378				
Other national insurers	511,035	461,824	358,015	346,332	66,040	64,657			86,980	50,835				
All others	3,265,264	3,344,944	2,629,118	2,722,007	278,101	289,907			92,117	42,999	241,490	260,470	24,438	29,561
TOTAL	13,089,736	14,361,615	8,464,671	9,349,899	2,804,388	3,115,661	908,737	1,043,778	906'809	397,320	383,399	425,010	24,635	29,947
INDIVIDUAL PLANS														
UnitedHealthcare	2,262,515	2,720,860	1,686,438	1,952,672	143,105	238,555	361,734	454,527	71,238	75,106				
Humana	1,849,387	1,978,678	901,557	1,004,601	428,429	453,820	280,341	309,799	239,060	210,458				
BCBS	1,812,271	1,945,844	797,880	978,819	686,559	633,680	238,306	221,297	14,511	17,544	74,818	94,118	197	386
Wellpoint BCBS	540,689	530,938	176,130	257,187	201,612	124,986	162,947	148,765						
Other BCBS plans	1,271,582	1,414,906	621,750	721,632	484,947	508,694	75,359	72,532	14,511	17,544	74,818	94,118	197	386
Kaiser Permanente	627,430	682,291	586,221	638,833		-					41,209	43,458		
Coventry	232,239	291,321	133,895	160,780	98,344	130,541								
Aetna	134,249	170,016	120,986	151,331	13,263	18,685		-						
WellCare	147,768	252,563	147,768	252,563		-								
CIGNA	395,886	434,222	386,091	425,108	9,795	8,736				378				
Other national insurers	469,503	421,936	316,483	306,444	66,040	64,657			86,980	50,835				
All others	2,854,122	2,942,366	2,330,176	2,403,246	204,847	234,548			81,568	42,999	213,093	232,012	24,438	29,561
TOTAL	10,785,370	11,840,097	7,407,495	8,274,397	1,650,382	1,783,222	880,381	985,623	493,357	397,320	329,120	369,588	24,635	29,947
GROUP PLANS														
UnitedHealthcare	289,729	299,625	93,721	91,862	195,860	207,636	148	127						
Humana	367,822	394,176	18,956	18,112	325,365	322,698	23,501	53,366						
BCBS	442,499	458,997	135,297	120,855	302,447	333,480	4,707	4,662			48			
Wellpoint BCBS	40,501	27,895	7,091	6,016	33,410	21,879								
Other BCBS plans	401,998	431,102	128,206	114,839	269,037	311,601	4,707	4,662			48			
Kaiser Permanente	446,126	463,031	420,292	436,067	ı	-					25,834	26,964		
Coventry	14,194	14,263	12,330	11,923	1,864	2,340								
Aetna	287,379	444,930	32,163	34,004	255,216	410,926								
WellCare		1				-								
CIGNA	3,943	4,030	3,943	4,030										
Other national insurers	41,532	39,888	41,532	39,888										
All others	411,142	402,578	298,942	318,761	73,254	55,359			10,549		28,397	28,458		
TOTAL	2,304,366	2,521,518	1,057,176	1,075,502	1,154,006	1,332,439	28,356	58,155	10,549		54,279	55,422		

NOTE: Blank cells indicate no plans offered. BCBS is BlueCross BlueShield affiliates. Other national insurers include Health Net, Universal American, Health Spring, Munich American Holding Corporation, and Wellpoint non-BCBS plans.
SOURCE: MPR/Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of CMS Medicare Advantage enrollment and Landscape files, 2012-2013.

TABLE A2. MEDICARE ADVANTAGE ENROLLMENT BY STATE AND PLAN TYPE, 2013

State	TOTAL	HMOs	Local PPOs	REGIONAL PPOS	PFFS PLANS	COST PLANS	OTHER	% CHANGE, 2012-2013
Alabama	203,951	129,689	58,784	13,188	2,212	-	78	10%
Alaska	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	39%
Arizona	384,851	346,818	24,182	7,018	6,733	100	-	6%
Arkansas	98,322	42,621	14,923	15,895	24,782	-	101	16%
California	1,937,350	1,872,033	54,085	-	5,054	3,166	3,012	7%
Colorado	244,356	192,191	20,009	-	6,078	23,965	2,113	8%
Connecticut	137,253	114,837	16,755	5,661	-	-	-	11%
Delaware	10,941	7,910	3,031	-	-	-	-	49%
District of Columbia	8,654	1,864	1,376	-	-	5,414	-	9%
Florida	1,318,740	935,530	65,713	313,186	3,648	30	633	10%
Georgia	350,142	98,915	162,438	64,101	24,688	-	-	16%
Hawaii	103,346	36,770	31,940	30,521	203	3,912	-	7%
Idaho	74,871	22,109	50,600	-	2,162	-	-	6%
Illinois	209,200	122,032	71,107	7,619	6,946	1,496	-	12%
Indiana	224,875	20,252	132,933	58,332	13,358	-	-	15%
Iowa	74,520	32,566	31,967	-	1,865	7,982	140	5%
Kansas	54,329	21,534	24,191	756	7,595	-	253	9%
Kentucky	178,945	27,080	99,644	46,714	5,507	-	-	41%
Louisiana	193,638	168,055	8,185	12,991	4,137	-	270	8%
Maine	49,347	29,839	18,554	-	954		-	18%
Maryland	73,239	29,183	12,444		2,931	28,550	131	5%
Massachusetts	209,151	171,635	23,205	11,516	21	-		5%
Michigan	478,923	202,619	237,659	28,455	9,489		2,774 701	10%
Minnesota		-		-			-	10%
Mississippi	415,638	135,595	40,704		1,639 6,106	237,700		18%
Missouri	64,000	33,144	12,356	12,394	1			10%
Montana	257,164	173,358	48,734	15,797	19,123	-	152	
	27,229	99	20,884	-	6,246	-	-	2%
Nebraska	33,228	17,324	8,041	-	7,863	-	-	2%
Nevada	126,441	113,106	11,093	-	2,242	-	-	6%
New Hampshire	12,554	2,834	3,967	-	5,753	-	-	19%
New Jersey	223,161	202,303	20,126		-	-	732	13%
New Mexico	98,198	64,457	31,358	-	2,030	-	353	10%
New York	1,062,329	783,313	194,511	58,922	20,729	503	4,351	7%
North Carolina	328,020	200,331	68,564	24,793	33,895	-	437	12%
North Dakota	13,793	-	1,892	77	1,195	10,564	65	20%
Ohio	755,580	322,194	325,259	84,441	5,113	17,914	659	7%
Oklahoma	102,224	69,101	23,508	1,837	7,689	-	89	6%
Oregon	286,306	147,100	137,598	-	711	-	897	7%
Pennsylvania	939,496	553,343	353,670	6,942	17,261	-	8,280	4%
Rhode Island	68,306	63,754	2,013	2,335	-	-	204	3%
South Carolina	167,292	37,581	54,650	54,992	19,686	-	383	17%
South Dakota	18,781	13	7,749	-	905	10,114	-	22%
Tennessee	338,124	264,117	66,853	6,867	-	-	287	14%
Texas	889,551	529,368	218,347	83,069	33,963	23,859	945	25%
Utah	101,751	71,636	28,994	-	1,121	-	-	-2%
Vermont	8,199	203	1,091	1,293	5,510	-	102	15%
Virginia	181,455	58,705	43,521	20,881	41,910	15,710	728	6%
Washington	305,289	241,681	62,126	-	1,079	-	403	7%
West Virginia	83,922	6,236	30,125	41,072	6,489	-	-	9%
Wisconsin	324,912	167,831	91,104	12,190	19,082	34,031	674	8%
Wyoming	1,940	176	143	-	1,621	-	-	-40%

NOTE: Territories are excluded. Blank cells indicate no plans offered.

SOURCE: MPR/Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of CMS Medicare Advantage enrollment and Landscape files, 2012-2013.

TABLE A3. MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PENETRATION BY STATE AND PLAN TYPE, 2013

	TOTAL		HMOs		LOCAL	PPOs	REGIO	NAL PPOS	PFFS P	LANS	Cost I	PLANS	OTHER		% CHANGE,
STATE	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012-2013
Alabama	21%	22%	14%	14%	6%	6%	1%	1%	1%	<1%			<1%	<1%	1%
Alaska	<1%	<1%			<1%	<1%									<1%
Arizona	37%	38%	33%	34%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%			1%
Arkansas	15%	17%	6%	8%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%			<1%	<1%	2%
California	36%	37%	35%	36%	1%	1%			1	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Colorado	34%	35%	26%	28%	3%	3%			1%	1%	4%	3%	1%	<1%	1%
Connecticut	21%	23%	16%	19%	4%	3%	1%	1%							2%
Delaware	5%	7%	3%	5%	1%	2%									2%
District of Columbia	10%	10%	2%	2%	1%	2%					6%	6%			1%
Florida	34%	36%	24%	26%	3%	2%	7%	9%	<1%	<1%		1%	<1%	<1%	2%
Georgia	23%	25%	6%	7%	10%	12%	4%	5%	4%	2%					2%
Hawaii	44%	46%	15%	16%	12%	14%	14%	14%	1%	<1%	4%	2%			1%
Idaho	29%	30%	10%	9%	16%	21%	14 /0	14 /0	3%	1%	4 /0	2 70			1%
Illinois	10%	11%	6%	6%	3%	4%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%			1%
Indiana	19%	21%	2%	2%	8%	12%	7%	5%	1%	1%	170	11/0			2%
Iowa	13%	14%	5%	6%	5%	6%	1%	5 /0	1 /o <1%	<1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Kansas	13%	14%	4%	5%	5%	5%	1%	<1%	2%	2%	1 /0	1 /0	<1%	<1%	1%
	16%	22%	3%			12%	6%	6%	1%	1%			(170	(170	6%
Kentucky				3%	7%				1%				1%	4.0/	1%
Louisiana	25%	26%	22%	23%	1%	1%	1%	2%	_	1%			1%	<1%	
Maine	15%	17%	9%	10%	6%	6%			<1%	<1%	- 0/	- 0/	0/	0/	2%
Maryland	8%	8%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0/	0/	<1%	<1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	<1%
Massachusetts	18%	18%	15%	15%	2%	2%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%			<1%	<1%	<1%
Michigan	25%	27%	11%	11%	13%	13%	1%	2%	1%	1%			<1%	<1%	2%
Minnesota	46%	49%	15%	16%	4%	5%	2%		<1%	<1%	25%	28%			3%
Mississippi	10%	12%	5%	6%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%					2%
Missouri	22%	24%	15%	16%	4%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%			<1%	<1%	2%
Montana	15%	15%			8%	11%			6%	3%					<1%
Nebraska	11%	12%	6%	6%	2%	3%	1%		3%	3%					1%
Nevada	31%	32%	26%	28%	3%	3%	2%		<1%	1%					1 %
New Hampshire	5%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%			2%	2%					1%
New Jersey	14%	16%	13%	14%	1%	1%	<1%						<1%	<1%	1%
New Mexico	27%	29%	18%	19%	8%	9%			1%	1%			<1%	<1%	2%
New York	32%	33%	23%	25%	7%	6%	2%	2%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%
North Carolina	19%	20%	11%	12%	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%			<1%	<1%	1%
North Dakota	10%	12%			1%	2%	<1%		2%	1%	7%	9%	<1%	<1%	2%
Ohio	36%	37%	15%	16%	16%	16%	4%	4%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Oklahoma	15%	16%	10%	11%	3%	4%	<1%		2%	1%			<1%	<1%	1%
Oregon	41%	42%	21%	22%	20%	20%			<1%	<1%			<1%	<1%	1%
Pennsylvania	38%	39%	23%	23%	14%	15%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%			<1%	<1%	1%
Rhode Island	35%	35%	33%	33%	1%	1%	2%	1%					<1%	<1%	<1 %
South Carolina	17%	20%	3%	4%	6%	6%	5%	6%	3%	2%			<1%	<1%	2%
South Dakota	11%	13%			4%	6%	1%		2%	1%	4%	7%			2%
Tennessee	27%	29%	21%	23%	5%	6%	<1%	1%	<1%				<1%	<1%	3%
Texas	22%	27%	15%	16%	3%	7%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	4%
Utah	34%	33%	20%	24%	11%	10%			4%	<1%					-1%
Vermont	6%	7%			1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	5%			<1%	<1%	1%
Virginia	14%	15%	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1 %
Washington	28%	28%	21%	22%	6%	6%			1%	<1%			<1%	<1%	1%
West Virginia	20%	21%	1%	2%	14%	8%	2%	10%	2%	2%					1%
Wisconsin	32%	33%	15%	17%	10%	9%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	<1%	<1%	2%
Wyoming	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%		3%	3%					-1%

 ${\tt NOTE: Territories \ are \ excluded. \ Blank \ cells \ indicate \ no \ plans \ offered.}$

SOURCE: MPR/Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of CMS Medicare Advantage enrollment and Landscape files, 2012-2013.

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TABLE A4. MARKETSHARE OF THE TOP THREE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE FIRMS, BY STATE, 2013

	Тотаг		FIRM 1		FIRM 2		FIRM 3		OTHER FIRMS
State	ENROLLMENT	SHARE FOR 3 FIRMS	Name	SHARE	NAME	SHARE	NAME	SHARE	SHARE
Alabama	203,951	%59	BCBS	23%	CIGNA	20%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	19%	38%
Alaska	25	100%	Aetna Inc.	100%					%0
Arizona	384,851	%49	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	41%	Humana Inc.	12%	Health Net, Inc.	11%	36%
Arkansas	98,322	81%	Humana Inc.	39%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	24%	BCBS	18%	19%
California	1,937,350	71%	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	%94	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	18%	Health Net, Inc.	%2	29%
Colorado	244,356	84%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	38%	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	34%	Humana Inc.	12%	16%
Connecticut	137,253	91%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	%44%	EmblemHealth, Inc.	32%	Aetna Inc.	15%	%6
Delaware	10,941	%86	Aetna Inc.	48%	CIGNA	43%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	2%	2%
District of Columbia	8,654	93%	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	%89	CIGNA	18%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	13%	%2
Florida	1,318,740	%29	Humana Inc.	32%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	27%	BCBS	%8	33%
Georgia	350,142	84%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	%95	Humana Inc.	21%	WellCare Health Plans, Inc.	%9	16%
Hawaii	103,346	%28	BCBS	45%	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	76%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	20%	13%
Idaho	74,871	85%	BCBS	43%	PacificSource Health Plans	24%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	18%	15%
Illinois	209,200	%29	Humana Inc.	37%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	25%	Coventry Health Care Inc.	%8	33%
Indiana	224,875	75%	Humana Inc.	%97	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	79%	BCBS Wellpoint	24%	25%
Iowa	74,520	%88	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	38%	Humana Inc.	31%	Coventry Health Care Inc.	19%	12%
Kansas	54,329	%66	Humana Inc.	%64	Coventry Health Care Inc.	39%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	11%	1%
Kentucky	178,945	%96	Humana Inc.	%29	BCBS Wellpoint	25%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	4%	4%
Louisiana	193,638	93%	Humana Inc.	%09	PH Holdings, LLC	28%	Vantage Health Plan, Inc.	2%	%2
Maine	49,347	82%	Martin's Point Health Care, Inc.	44%	Aetna Inc.	25%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	13%	18%
Maryland	73,239	%28	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	39%	CIGNA	25%	Aetna Inc.	23%	13%
Massachusetts	209,147	74%	TAHMO, Inc.	44%	Fallon Community Health Plan	16%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	15%	26%
Michigan	478,923	82%	BCBS	24%	Spectrum Health System	16%	Humana Inc.	11%	18%
Minnesota	415,638	78%	Medica Holding Company	28%	BCBS	27%	UCare Minnesota	23%	22%
Mississippi	64,000	93%	Humana Inc.	51%	Munich American Holding Corporation	30%	CIGNA	11%	%2
Missouri	257,164	84%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	33%	Coventry Health Care Inc.	29%	Humana Inc.	25%	16%
Montana	27,229	%66	New West Health Services	%99	Humana Inc.	%92	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	%/_	1%
Nebraska	33,228	%66	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	21%	Humana Inc.	23%	Coventry Health Care Inc.	19%	1%
Nevada	126,441	%88	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	48%	Humana Inc.	30%	Renown Health	10%	12%
New Hampshire	12,554	91%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	24%	Humana Inc.	%92	BCBS Wellpoint	11%	%6
New Jersey	223,161	91%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	35%	BCBS	33%	Aetna Inc.	23%	%6
New Mexico	98,198	%62	Presbyterian Healthcare Services	36%	Ardent Health Services.	28%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	14%	21%
New York	1,062,329	41%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	15%	BCBS	14%	EmblemHealth, Inc.	13%	%69
North Carolina	328,020	91%	BCBS	35%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	34%	Humana Inc.	21%	%6
North Dakota	13,716	%86	Medica Holding Company	74%	Humana Inc.	20%	Heart of America Health Plan	3%	2%
Ohio	755,580	%29	Humana Inc.	79%	BCBS Wellpoint	24%	Aetna Inc.	16%	33%

TABLE A4. MARKETSHARE OF THE TOP THREE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE FIRMS, BY STATE, 2013 (CONTINUED)

	Тотаг		FIRM 1		FIRM 2		FIRM 3		OTHER FIRMS
State	ENROLLMENT	SHARE FOR 3 FIRMS	NAME	SHARE	NAME	SHARE	NAME	SHARE	SHARE
Oklahoma	102,224	%68	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	37%	CommunityCare Managed Healthcare Plans of OK, Inc.	28%	Humana Inc.	24%	11%
Oregon	286,306	%05	BCBS	19%	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	16%	Health Net, Inc.	15%	%05
Pennsylvania	939,496	%59	BCBS	43%	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	13%	Aetna Inc.	10%	35%
Rhode Island	908,306	%66	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	53%	BCBS	%94	Aetna Inc.	<1%	<1%
South Carolina	167,292	%98	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	43%	Humana Inc.	35%	BCBS	%8	14%
South Dakota	18,781	%66	Medica Holding Company	24%	Humana Inc.	37%	Coventry Health Care Inc.	%8	1%
Tennessee	338,124	78%	Humana Inc.	32%	CIGNA	25%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	21%	22%
Texas	889,551	%02	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	34%	Humana Inc.	23%	Aetna Inc.	13%	30%
Utah	101,751	%62	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	48%	BCBS	19%	Coventry Health Care Inc.	12%	21%
Vermont	8,199	93%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	%82	Aetna Inc.	%6	MVP Health Care, Inc.	%9	1%
Virginia	181,455	%28	Humana Inc.	21%	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	21%	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	%6	13%
Washington	305,289	%99	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	27%	Group Health Cooperative	27%	BCBS	12%	34%
WestVirginia	83,922	%56	Humana Inc.	72%	BCBS	14%	Health Plan of the Upper Ohio Valley	%9	%8
Wisconsin	324,912	%99	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	32%	Humana Inc.	18%	Affinity Health System	16%	34%
Wyoming	1,940	%66	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	85%	Coventry Health Care Inc.	%6	BCBS	2%	1%

NOTE: Territories are excluded. BCBS is BlueCross Blue Shield affiliated health plans. SOURCE: MPR/Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of CMS Medicare Advantage enrollment and Landscape files, 2013.

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TABLE A5. PREMIUMS FOR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE DRUG PLANS (MA-PDS) BY FIRM, WEIGHTED BY ENROLLMENT, 2012-2013

	TOTAL		HMOs		LOCAL PR	0s	REGIONA	L PPOs	PFFS		Cost	
FIRM OR AFFILIATE	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
UnitedHealthcare	\$ 8.34	\$ 5.63	\$ 9.08	\$ 6.47	\$ 6.44	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.57	\$ 1.32	\$ 12.11	\$ 10.47		
Humana	\$ 32.63	\$ 34.86	\$ 9.68	\$ 11.05	\$ 45.82	\$ 52.99	\$ 64.24	\$ 64.96	\$ 62.46	\$ 71.95		
Wellpoint BCBS	\$ 12.88	\$ 28.74	\$ 10.20	\$ 12.94	\$ 21.17	\$ 50.10	\$ 5.44	\$ 34.96				
Other BCBS plans	\$ 82.90	\$ 76.17	\$ 81.80	\$ 69.32	\$ 92.08	\$ 94.80	\$ 35.66	\$ 14.79	\$ 28.78	\$ 13.96	\$ 129.04	\$ 94.13
Kaiser Permanente	\$ 46.72	\$ 45.32	\$ 44.75	\$ 43.69							\$ 77.12	\$ 67.67
Coventry	\$ 12.86	\$ 13.92	\$ 15.29	\$ 13.91	\$ 9.94	\$ 13.94						
Aetna	\$ 43.67	\$ 33.04	\$ 39.04	\$ 27.41	\$ 84.41	\$ 77.52						
WellCare	\$ 2.96	\$ 3.08	\$ 2.96	\$ 3.08								
CIGNA	\$ 5.94	\$ 7.73	\$ 5.41	\$ 6.95	\$ 21.98	\$ 35.06				\$ 72.00		
Other national insurers	\$ 29.87	\$ 28.80	\$ 24.25	\$ 23.95	\$ 35.84	\$ 35.53			\$ 66.14	\$ 67.91		
All others	\$ 48.01	\$ 53.50	\$ 43.34	\$ 46.52	\$ 53.22	\$ 58.89			\$ 0.00	\$ 31.28	\$ 148.96	\$ 149.23
Average Weighted Premium	\$ 35.03	\$ 34.93	\$ 28.81	\$ 27.13	\$ 52.59	\$ 57.34	\$ 26.37	\$ 28.60	\$ 41.85	\$ 51.24	\$ 130.70	\$ 130.41

NOTE: Premiums weighted by March 2013 enrollment. Excludes Medicare Advantage plans that do not offer prescription drug coverage, special needs plans (SNPs), and employer group health plans. BCBS are BlueCross BlueShield affiliates. Firm affiliations reflect status in the year indicated. Because of mergers and acquisitions, some plans may be affiliated differently in 2012 than 2013. Blank cells indicate that either no plans were offered or no premium information was available. Other national insurers include Health Net, Universal American, Health Spring, Munich American Holding Corporation, and Wellpoint non-BCBS plans.

SOURCE: MPR/Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of CMS Medicare Advantage enrollment and Landscape files 2012-2013.

TABLE A6. SHARE OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS (MA-PDs) WITH NO PREMIUMS, 2013

FIRM OR AFFILIATE	TOTAL	HMOs	LOCAL PPOS	REGIONAL PPOS	PFFS	COST PLANS
UnitedHealthcare	90%	90%	86%	93%	63%	
Humana	42%	78%	<1%	13%	0%	
Wellpoint BCBS	32%	71%	0%	0%		
Other BCBS plans	29%	34%	15%	77%	73%	0%
Kaiser Permanente	44%	45%				31%
Coventry	68%	71%	63%			
Aetna	56%	63%	0%			
WellCare	90%	90%				
CIGNA	78%	80%	0%		0%	
Other national insurers	60%	66%	53%		0%	
All others	43%	49%	31%		0%	0%
All MA-PDs	55%	67%	24%	49%	17%	7%

NOTE: Premiums weighted by March 2013 enrollment. Excludes Medicare Advantage plans that do not offer prescription drug coverage, special needs plans (SNPs), and employer group health plans; includes territories. BCBS are BlueCross BlueShield affiliates. Other national insurers include Health Net, Universal American, Health Spring, Munich American Holding Corporation, and Wellpoint non-BCBS plans. Blank cells indicate that either no plans were offered or no premium information was available.

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