

Medicare Advantage Enrollment Expected to Increase While Premiums Hold Steady

CMS is projecting enrollment in the Medicare Advantage (MA) program to increase by 11 percent in 2013 and premiums to remain steady. CMS further reports that beneficiary access to supplemental benefits remains steady and average out-of-pocket spending remains constant. According to CMS, since the Affordable Care Act was passed in 2010, MA premiums have fallen by 10 percent and enrollment has risen by 28 percent.

CMS projects the average monthly MA premium to increase to \$32.59 in 2013, an increase of \$1.47 over 2012. CMS, however, believes that if beneficiaries continue to choose lower cost plans at the same rate as they did in 2012, the average premium will only increase by 57 cents.

CMS believes that 99.6 percent of Medicare beneficiaries will have access to an MA program in 2013, and the number of plan choices will increase by 7 percent. For more details please [click here](#).

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