

2006 Massachusetts Medicare Plan Membership Highlights

Membership

The membership in Medicare Supplement has grown by 1,447 persons from 2005 to 2006, membership in the Division of Medical Assistance's ("DMA") MassHealth (Medicaid) program has grown by 8,006 persons from 2005 to 2006, membership in DMA's CommonHealth program has grown by 1,586 persons from 2005 to 2006 while Medicare HMO membership has grown by 382 from 2005 to 2006.

Medicare Supplement

In 2006, 198,042 Massachusetts residents were enrolled in group and individual Medicare Supplement plans, representing an increase of 1,447 residents from 2005. In 2006, three (3) carriers (Bankers Life and Casualty Company, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc., and United HealthCare Insurance Company through the American Association of Retired Persons) offered Medicare Supplement coverage in the Massachusetts market.

Number of Medicare Eligibles ¹	2005 1,007,212	2006 1,007,212
Membership in Medicare Supplement Plans:		
Group	14,863	15,228
Individual – Closed	12,594	10,148
Individual – Core	9,159	8,665
Individual – Med Supp 1	129,213	146,582
Individual – Med Supp 2 ³	30,766	17,418
TOTAL	196,595	198,042
Membership in Medicare HMO Plans:		
Group Medicare Advantage ²	28,379	29,101
Group Medicare Wrap	14,530	15,133
Individual Medicare Advantage ²	122,137	119,758
Individual Medicare Advantage PPO	141	1,754
Individual Medicare Wrap ³	627	450
TOTAL	165,814	166,196
Number of Medicare Eligibles in Public Plans:		
Division of Medical Assistance's MassHealth Program ⁴	197,370	205,376
Division of Medical Assistance's CommonHealth Program ⁵	10,094	11,680
TOTAL	207,464	217,056
GRAND TOTAL	569,873	581,294

¹ According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

² Program formerly known as Medicare+Choice. The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) renamed the program "Medicare Advantage."

³ Individual products no longer marketed in Massachusetts.

⁴ Includes all Medicare eligible persons enrolled in the Division of Medical Assistance's MassHealth Program (Medicaid) as of December 31, 2006 according to the Division of Medical Assistance.

⁵ Includes all Medicare eligible persons enrolled in the Division of Medical Assistance's CommonHealth Program as of December 31, 2006 according to the Division of Medical Assistance.

Medicare HMO

In 2006, 166,196 Massachusetts residents were enrolled in group and individual Medicare HMO plans, representing an increase of 382 residents from 2005. In 2006, four (4) carriers (Fallon Community Health Plan, Inc.; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts HMO Blue, Inc. (formerly licensed as HMO Blue); Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc.; and Tufts Associated Health Maintenance Organization, Inc.) offered Medicare Advantage coverage in the Massachusetts market, and three (3) carriers (CIGNA HealthCare of Massachusetts, Inc.; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts HMO Blue, Inc.; and Tufts Associated Health Maintenance Organization, Inc.) offered Med-Wrap coverage in the Massachusetts market.

Public Plans

In 2006, 217,056 Massachusetts residents eligible for Medicare were enrolled in either the DMA's MassHealth Program or CommonHealth Program, representing an increase of 9,592 residents from 2005.

Prescription Drug Coverage

This report provides a breakdown of those Massachusetts residents who are Medicare eligible and have prescription drug coverage in either (1) group and individual Medicare Supplement plans; (2) group and individual Medicare HMO plans; (3) group and individual Medicare Stand-Alone Prescription Drug plans; or (4) public programs that include DMA's MassHealth Program and CommonHealth Program and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs's Prescription Advantage Program. In 2006, 815,941 Massachusetts residents eligible for Medicare had unlimited or limited drug coverage, representing an increase of 346,303 residents from 2005. In 2006, 442,105 Massachusetts residents eligible for Medicare had unlimited drug coverage, representing an increase of 69,979 from 2005.

	2005	2006
Number of Medicare Eligibles with ANY Drug Coverage:⁶		
Medicare Supplement Plans	52,727	35,056
Medicare HMO Plans	137,834	156,380
Medicare Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plans	0	340,822
Division of Medical Assistance's MassHealth Program	197,370	205,376
Division of Medical Assistance's CommonHealth Program	10,094	11,680
Executive Office of Elder Affairs's Prescription Advantage	71,613	66,627
TOTAL	469,638	815,941
Number of Medicare Eligibles with UNLIMITED Drug Coverage:		
Medicare Supplement Plans	50,296	32,899
Medicare HMO Plans	42,753	72,445
Medicare Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plans	0	53,078
Division of Medical Assistance's MassHealth Program	197,370	205,376
Division of Medical Assistance's CommonHealth Program	10,094	11,680
Executive Office of Elder Affairs's Prescription Advantage	71,613	66,627
TOTAL	372,126	442,105

⁶ Includes plans with both limited and unlimited drug coverage.