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By the numbers: Medicare Part D

885,381	Medicare Part D beneficiaries in Tennessee[1]
378,679	Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans in 2015[2]
68	Number of Medicare Advantage plans available in 2016[3]
34%	Beneficiaries receiving Part D's Extra Help in 2016[3]
19%	Medicare beneficiaries as a percent of state population in 2015[5]
506,702	Beneficiaries enrolled in stand-alone prescription drug plans in 2015[4]
27	Number of Part D Plans available in 2016[3]
$18.40	Lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan in 2016[3]
88%	Beneficiaries with access to Part D plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2015[3]

Medicare Part D is working well for beneficiaries and taxpayers…And it's getting better.

- Several surveys show that about 90% or more of Part D enrollees are satisfied with their coverage and say that their coverage works well.[6]
- In 2016, one third of all Part D plans nationwide have no deductible.[7]
- Total Part D costs are 45%, or $349 billion, less than initial projections for 2004-2013. Additionally, Part D drug spending was just 11.8% of total Medicare spending in 2015.[8]
- CBO changed its scoring methodology to reflect evidence that increased prescription drug use leads to offsetting reductions in Medicare spending for other medical services.[7]
- Part D helped expand drug coverage and improve adherence to medicines; gaining Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage was tied to an 8% decrease in hospital admissions for seniors overall, with higher reductions for certain conditions.[9]
- A growing body of research finds reductions in mortality following the implementation of Part D. One study found, since the implementation of Part D in 2006, nearly 200,000 Medicare beneficiaries have lived at least one year longer with an average increase in longevity of 3.3 years.[10]

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