By the numbers: Medicare Part D

**ILLINOIS**

Medicare Part D is working well for beneficiaries and taxpayers…

- Surveys show that more than 8 in 10 Part D enrollees are satisfied with their coverage and say that their coverage works well.\(^7\)
- In 2018, one third of all Part D stand-alone plans nationwide have no deductible.\(^8\)
- Total Part D costs were 45%, or $349 billion, less than initial projections for 2004-2013. Additionally, Part D drug spending was just 13.6% of total Medicare spending in 2018.\(^9\)
- CBO changed its scoring methodology to reflect evidence that increased prescription drug use leads to offsetting reductions in Medicare spending for other medical services.\(^10\)
- 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.\(^11\)
- 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.\(^12\)

**Medicare Part D beneficiaries in Illinois in 2018**\(^1\)

**Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans in 2017**\(^2\)

**Number of Medicare Advantage plans available in 2018**\(^3\)

**Beneficiaries receiving Part D’s Extra Help in 2018**\(^3\)

**Medicare beneficiaries as a percent of state population in 2015**\(^5\)

**Beneficiaries enrolled in stand-alone prescription drug plans in 2017**\(^4\)

**Number of Part D Plans available in 2018**\(^3\)

**Lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan in 2018**\(^3\)

**Beneficiaries with access to Part D plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2017**\(^3\)

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**Sources:**
5. See Medicare Beneficiaries as a Percent of Total Population at www.kff.org.
12. Reductions in Mortality Among Medicare Beneficiaries Following the Implementation of Medicare Part D, American Journal of Medical Care, July 2015.