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*By the numbers: Medicare Part D*

- **416,961** Medicare Part D beneficiaries in Mississippi in 2018
- **85,831** Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans in 2017
- **27** Number of Medicare Advantage plans available in 2018
- **44%** Beneficiaries receiving Part D’s Extra Help in 2018
- **19%** Medicare beneficiaries as a percent of state population in 2015
- **325,092** Beneficiaries enrolled in stand-alone prescription drug plans in 2017
- **20** Number of Part D Plans available in 2018
- **$12.60** Lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan in 2018
- **87%** Beneficiaries with access to Part D plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2017

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.
- In 2018, one third of all Part D stand-alone plans nationwide have no deductible.
- 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.
- CBO changed its scoring methodology to reflect evidence that increased prescription drug use leads to offsetting reductions in Medicare spending for other medical services.
- 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.
- 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.