

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- o The number of aged Medicare enrollees who received a covered service increased from 528 per 1,000 in 1975 to 916 per 1,000 enrollees in 2000.*
- o The number of disabled Medicare enrollees receiving services per 1,000 enrollees increased from 450 to 835 during the same period.*
- o The total number of all outpatient visits in the United States and the adjusted expense per patient day has increased steadily since 1983.*
- o The Medicare average length of stay for all short-stay and excluded units has been dropping for the past several years.*
- o The Medicare aged persons served rate per 1,000 enrollees for Medicare skilled nursing facilities has grown five-fold from 1982 to 2000. During the same period, the home health agencies Medicare aged persons served rate per 1,000 enrollees more than doubled.*