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This July we’re marking the 50th Anniversary of Social Security Amendments of 1965, which led to the creation of Medicare and Medicaid.
Medicare and Medicaid cover nearly 1 out of every 3 Americans—that’s more than 100 million Americans.
Before 1966, roughly half of all seniors had no health insurance. Today, nearly all seniors are covered by Medicare, or Medicare & Medicaid together.
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MEDICARE ENROLLMENT

19 MILLION IN 1966

54 MILLION IN 2014

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President and First Lady Truman were the first Medicare Beneficiaries.
Medicaid provides coverage to nearly 71 million Americans, including working men and women, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities.
Medicaid covers 1 in 5 non-elderly Americans—providing health coverage to low-income families and individuals, pregnant women, children, & people with disabilities.
Medicaid provides a healthy start for nearly 1 in 3 children in America—
that’s roughly 33 million kids.
Enrollment in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program was the driving force behind the reduction in the child uninsured rate.
Medicaid and CHIP cover about half of all births in the U.S. That’s more than 1.6 million births each year.
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has 10 regional offices, which work to meet the health needs of approximately 125M people with Medicaid and Medicare coverage.
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BEHIND THE SCENES
Approximate number of doctors, health care providers and suppliers participating in the Medicare program.

1.5 MILLION

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The number of days a year Medicaid is open for enrollment.
Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) ensures that children and adolescents get the appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, developmental and specialty services they need.
SURVEY SAYS
Nine in ten parents whose children had coverage under Medicaid or CHIP in 2011, said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the coverage and quality of care their children received.
More than 88 percent of children eligible for Medicaid and CHIP are enrolled.
Medicare was responsible for helping to desegregate hospitals after the Civil Rights Act went into effect. If hospitals wanted to receive federal funding, they had to comply with the Civil Rights Act and desegregate.
55 million people are currently enrolled in Medicare Part A, which covers inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facility, some home health visits, and hospice care.
51 million people are currently enrolled in Medicare Part B, which helps pay for physician, hospital, outpatient, some home health, and preventive services.
Last year, over 16 million people chose to enroll in a private Medicare Advantage plan, like an HMO or PPO, as an alternative to original Medicare.
Currently, 41 million people with Medicare have prescription drug coverage, which helps cover the cost of prescription drugs, through their Medicare health plan or stand-alone prescription drug plan.
More than one-third of all Medicare beneficiaries live with four or more chronic conditions.
The vast majority of Medicare beneficiaries — 86% — are satisfied or very satisfied about the availability of information on Medicare.
94% of Medicare beneficiaries are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of medical care received last year.
“No longer will illness crush and destroy savings.” —LBJ