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### **Medicare in Alabama, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,002,645 beneficiaries in Alabama continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Alabama in 2018:**

- 47 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 25 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 87 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 36 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$17.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Alaska in 2018:**

- 19 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 76 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 52 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
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#### **In Arizona in 2018:**

- 75 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 79 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 27 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Arkansas in 2018:**

- 54 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 88 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 36 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$16.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 5,941,514 beneficiaries in California continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In California in 2018:**

- 266 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 97 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 25 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 84 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 35 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$19.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Colorado in 2018:**

- 43 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 95 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 74 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 23 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 652,084 beneficiaries in Connecticut continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Connecticut in 2018:**

- 30 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 22 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 90 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 35 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Delaware in 2018:**

- 15 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 21 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 85 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 24 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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### **Medicare in the District of Columbia, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 91,520 beneficiaries in the District of Columbia continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In the District of Columbia in 2018:**

- 16 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 21 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 92 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 59 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 4,246,433 beneficiaries in Florida continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Florida in 2018:**

- 295 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 21 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 84 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 29 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
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#### **In Georgia in 2018:**

- 71 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 87 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
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#### **In Hawaii in 2018:**

- 20 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 20 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 79 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
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#### **In Idaho in 2018:**

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- 92 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 2,147,077 beneficiaries in Illinois continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Illinois in 2018:**

- 88 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 28 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$16.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Indiana in 2018:**

- 80 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 77 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
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#### **In Iowa in 2018:**

- 31 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 97 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 75 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 21 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Kansas in 2018:**

- 46 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 75 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
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#### **In Kentucky in 2018:**

- 56 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 80 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 34 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$17.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Louisiana in 2018:**

- 54 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 21 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 85 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 39 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
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#### **In Maine in 2018:**

- 47 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 85 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 39 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Maryland in 2018:**

- 33 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 98 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 21 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 85 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 30 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
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#### **In Massachusetts in 2018:**

- 99 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 22 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 88 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
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#### **In Michigan in 2018:**

- 127 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 81 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
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#### **In Minnesota in 2018:**

- 37 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 69 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
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#### **In Mississippi in 2018:**

- 27 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 20 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 87 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
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#### **In Missouri in 2018:**

- 68 Medicare Advantage plans are available
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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 214,431 beneficiaries in Montana continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Montana in 2018:**

- 14 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 94 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 75 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 24 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2017, to December 7, 2017. People with Medicare should take the opportunity to review their healthcare needs for the upcoming year and determine if changes to their current coverage are necessary. Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with a Medicare health or drug plan should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. By shopping available plans and comparing costs, beneficiaries may be able to find a Medicare health or drug plan with better coverage or a lower premium in 2018.

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- The “2018 Medicare & You” handbooks are mailed to Medicare beneficiaries.
- Health and drug plans begin notifying enrollees about changes to their plans in 2018.

*October 2017*

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2017.
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### **Medicare in Nebraska, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 328,093 beneficiaries in Nebraska continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Nebraska in 2018:**

- 19 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 92 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 74 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 20 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Nevada in 2018:**

- 36 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 97 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 78 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 25 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In New Hampshire in 2018:**

- 24 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 79 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 23 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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### **Medicare in New Jersey, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,548,053 beneficiaries in New Jersey continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In New Jersey in 2018:**

- 46 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 22 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 84 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 24 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$19.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in New Mexico, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 394,859 beneficiaries in New Mexico continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In New Mexico in 2018:**

- 30 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 91 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 38 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$17.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 3,471,316 beneficiaries in New York continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In New York in 2018:**

- 222 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 20 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 89 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 36 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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### **Medicare in North Carolina, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,860,798 beneficiaries in North Carolina continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In North Carolina in 2018:**

- 68 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 83 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 29 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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### **Medicare in North Dakota, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 124,544 beneficiaries in North Dakota continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In North Dakota in 2018:**

- 6 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- More counties have access to a Medicare Advantage plan for 2018
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 79 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 20 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Ohio in 2018:**

- 139 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 80 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 25 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Oklahoma in 2018:**

- 35 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 83 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 30 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 803,502 beneficiaries in Oregon continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Oregon in 2018:**

- 89 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 22 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 76 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 25 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Pennsylvania in 2018:**

- 220 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 26 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 83 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 26 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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### **Medicare in Rhode Island, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 211,096 beneficiaries in Rhode Island continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Rhode Island in 2018:**

- 17 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 22 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 85 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 29 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In South Carolina in 2018:**

- 55 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 22 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 81 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 29 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
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#### **In South Dakota in 2018:**

- 11 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- More counties have access to a Medicare Advantage plan for 2018
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 68 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 21 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,286,786 beneficiaries in Tennessee continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Tennessee in 2018:**

- 59 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 25 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 82 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 33 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$17.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 3,853,595 beneficiaries in Texas continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Texas in 2018:**

- 177 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 84 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 32 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$16.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 368,532 beneficiaries in Utah continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Utah in 2018:**

- 23 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 95 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 25 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 70 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 19 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 138,766 beneficiaries in Vermont continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Vermont in 2018:**

- 8 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 22 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 80 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 31 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Virginia in 2018:**

- 96 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 24 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 79 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 27 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$16.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,268,913 beneficiaries in Washington continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Washington in 2018:**

- 108 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 93 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 22 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 79 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 28 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 427,421 beneficiaries in West Virginia continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In West Virginia in 2018:**

- 31 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 26 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 84 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 35 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Wisconsin in 2018:**

- 86 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 25 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 70 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 23 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$19.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Wyoming in 2018:**

- 3 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- Same number of counties have access to a Medicare Advantage plan for 2018
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 78 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 21 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$20.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In American Samoa in 2018:**

- 1 Medicare prescription drug plan is available
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 56 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$5.80 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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#### **In Guam in 2018:**

- 3 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 3 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$34.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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*September 2017*

- The “2018 Medicare & You” handbooks are mailed to Medicare beneficiaries.

- Health and drug plans begin notifying enrollees about changes to their plans in 2018.

*October 2017*

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2017.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2018.
- Medicare health and drug plan Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov starting October 11, 2017.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2017.**

*December 2017*

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2017.**

*January 2018*

- Medicare plan coverage for 2018 **begins January 1, 2018.**

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### **Medicare in the Northern Mariana Islands, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 2,272 beneficiaries in the Northern Mariana Islands continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In the Northern Mariana Islands in 2018:**

- 2 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- \$24.80 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

#### **2018 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 771,643 beneficiaries in Puerto Rico continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Puerto Rico in 2018:**

- 46 Medicare Advantage plans are available
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 6 Medicare prescription drug plans are available
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 2 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$11.10 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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*October 2017*

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2017.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2018.
- Medicare health and drug plan Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov starting October 11, 2017.
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### **Medicare in the U.S. Virgin Islands, 2018**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 20,142 beneficiaries in the U.S. Virgin Islands continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2018:**

- 1 Medicare prescription drug plan is available
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2017
- 2 percent of people with Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$41.30 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan

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