

**Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Dashboard <sup>BETA</sup> Glossary**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Average Drug Cost per Member per Month</b>	The total gross drug cost divided by the total member months.
<b>Average Drug Fills per Member per Month</b>	The total number of fills divided by the total member months.
<b>Brand</b>	A brand name drug which is sold under a trademark-protected name. Medi-Span or First DataBank drug classifications are currently being used to classify brand versus generic drugs.
<b>Contract Type</b>	An organization that has a contract with CMS to provide Part D prescription drug benefits to Medicare beneficiaries. Each contract is assigned a CMS contract number.
<b>Drug Class</b>	The drug class is a general classification of all drugs based on what the drug is commonly used to treat. The drug classifications are based on the Medi-Span generic product identifier (GPI) groupings.
<b>Drug Cost</b>	The gross drug cost is the total cost of the drug (ingredient cost), plus pharmacy dispensing fees, and other fees (such as vaccine administration fees) and sales tax. This includes the amount paid by the member at the pharmacy and the amount paid by other payors.
<b>Drug Fills</b>	One fill equals one Prescription Drug Event (PDE) that is covered by the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program. The number of fills has not been adjusted for days supply.
<b>Drug Name</b>	Name of the drug product dispensed. Therefore, information for brand name and generic products would be separate.
<b>Drug Users</b>	A beneficiary that has a least one drug fill covered by the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program. A drug user is not mutually exclusive across different drugs or therapeutic classes.
<b>Employer Contract (EMPL)</b>	Prescription drug coverage (like from an employer or union), that pays out, on average, as much as or more than Medicare's standard prescription drug coverage.
<b>First DataBank</b>	First DataBank, Inc., (FDB), is a publisher of pharmaceutical industry market information and drug pricing information based on surveys of drug wholesalers. FDB creates and maintains widely used drug database products, software for drug database integration, and drug reference products.
<b>Generic</b>	A generic drug is marketed without a brand name, but it is chemically identical to the brand name drugs and meets U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards. These drugs are often less expensive. Medi-Span or First DataBank drug classifications are currently being used to classify brand versus generic drugs.
<b>Generic Dispensing Rate (GDR)</b>	The number of fills for generic drugs divided by the total number of fills.
<b>Medicare (Part D) Prescription Drug Benefit</b>	A prescription drug benefit program that was created through the U.S. Medicare Modernization Act (MMA). The program began in 2006. This is a prescription drug option run by Medicare-approved private insurance companies and helps cover the cost of prescription drugs.
<b>Medicare Advantage</b>	A Medicare Advantage plan that offers Medicare Prescription Drug coverage

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<b>Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD)</b>	and Part A and Part B benefits in one plan.
<b>Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP)</b>	These plans (sometimes called “PDPs”) add drug coverage to Original Medicare, some Medicare Cost Plans, some Medicare Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) Plans, and Medicare Medical Savings Account (MSA) Plans. These plans are offered by insurance companies and other private companies approved by Medicare. Medicare Advantage Plans may also offer prescription drug coverage that follows the same rules as Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.
<b>Medi-Span</b>	Medi-Span is a provider of prescription drug information and drug interactions databases for thousands of health care professionals worldwide. The company provides drug information solutions and drug interactions database products for clinical decision support.
<b>Member Months</b>	Total number of calendar months beneficiaries were enrolled in the Part D prescription drug program in the selected year.
<b>National (All)</b>	Information across all states and U.S. territories.
<b>Part D Enrolled</b>	Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in the Part D prescription drug program at any point in time during a given calendar year.
<b>State</b>	U.S. state or territory.
<b>Year</b>	The calendar year, or contract year, is from January to December. The calendar year 2006 was the start-up year of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, and most beneficiaries who enrolled in the program did not have a full year of enrollment.