

Table 4.4
Number of Persons Served and Cost-Sharing Liability for Medicare Beneficiaries, by Type of Liability and Type of Coverage:
Calendar Year 2004

Amount of Cost-Sharing Liability Incurred	Total HI and/or SMI Liability	Calendar Year 2001						
		Hospital Insurance (HI)			Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI)			
		Total	Deductible	Coinsurance	Total	Deductible	Coinsurance	Balance Billing
Number of Persons Served								
Total	33,015,740	7,603,360	7,511,420	1,042,660	32,349,480	31,770,320	31,841,180	2,302,300
\$1 - \$499	14,771,980	1,080	20	1,060	14,236,200	13,835,980	13,738,480	737,800
\$500 - \$999	5,786,980	150,120	147,160	3,140	5,680,260	5,625,760	5,670,560	493,540
\$1,000 - \$1,999	5,956,060	2,438,260	2,428,680	31,360	5,941,860	5,872,060	5,941,140	501,560
\$2,000 - \$4,999	4,827,220	3,605,720	3,578,360	317,260	4,821,820	4,782,800	4,821,680	440,000
\$5,000 - \$9,999	1,131,680	926,360	896,660	375,540	1,128,380	1,117,420	1,128,360	94,680
\$10,000 - \$14,999	396,940	353,460	342,540	231,620	396,420	392,580	396,420	25,200
\$15,000 or More	144,880	128,360	118,000	82,680	144,540	143,720	144,540	9,520
Liability in Thousands								
Total	\$46,523,814	\$12,673,130	\$7,886,819	\$4,786,311	\$33,850,684	\$3,143,367	\$30,644,908	\$62,410
\$1 - \$499	3,574,719	229	6	224	3,574,490	1,356,086	2,207,519	10,885
\$500 - \$999	4,135,125	129,561	128,426	1,135	4,005,563	560,731	3,433,508	11,324
\$1,000 - \$1,999	8,649,948	2,157,203	2,142,874	14,329	6,492,745	585,085	5,893,475	14,185
\$2,000 - \$4,999	14,528,042	4,272,555	3,860,597	411,958	10,255,488	476,672	9,761,426	17,390
\$5,000 - \$9,999	7,762,165	2,611,345	1,184,745	1,426,600	5,150,820	111,327	5,033,603	5,892
\$10,000 - \$14,999	4,729,823	2,200,169	413,439	1,786,730	2,529,654	39,156	2,488,444	2,055
\$15,000 or More	3,143,992	1,302,067	156,732	1,145,335	1,841,924	14,312	1,826,933	680
Average Liability per Person Served ¹								
Total	\$1,409	\$1,667	\$1,050	\$4,590	\$1,046	\$99	\$962	\$27
\$1 - \$499	242	212	292	211	251	98	161	15
\$500 - \$999	715	863	873	361	705	100	605	23
\$1,000 - \$1,999	1,452	885	882	457	1,093	100	992	28
\$2,000 - \$4,999	3,010	1,185	1,079	1,298	2,127	100	2,024	40
\$5,000 - \$9,999	6,859	2,819	1,321	3,799	4,565	100	4,461	62
\$10,000 - \$14,999	11,916	6,225	1,207	7,714	6,381	100	6,277	82
\$15,000 or More	21,701	10,144	1,328	13,853	12,743	100	12,640	71

¹Represents beneficiaries who received covered services under fee-for-service and for whom program payments were made. Includes a small number of beneficiaries with no cost-sharing liability.

NOTES: While the overall levels of potential liability are more accurate, the number of persons falling into certain categories and levels of cost sharing are slightly understated. This in part is due to changes during the year in some beneficiaries' health insurance claim number (HIC). Most changes to the HIC involved the beneficiary identification code (BIC), which identifies the beneficiary's relationship to the primary wage earner; for example, a wife being converted to a widow. These changes were accounted through what is known as an equatable BIC routine which was performed on the input file. Other changes involved changes in the beneficiary claim account number portion of the HIC, for example, a wife acquiring enough quarters of credit to get benefits under her own account. No cross-referencing was done to get all claims for the small number of individuals who either enter or exit the 5-percent sample. In addition, managed care people who leave managed care during the calendar year are credited with prorated shares of an estimated amount of the annual Part B deductible, based on the amount of time in managed care and estimated time for most beneficiaries to reach the Part B deductible under fee-for-service. No estimating was done to attribute such amounts to individuals. It should also be noted that certain services are not subject to deductible and/or coinsurance. Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.

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