

Table 4.4

**Number of Persons Served and Cost-Sharing Liability for Medicare Beneficiaries, by Type of Liability and Type of Coverage:
Calendar Year 2008**

Amount of Cost-Sharing Liability Incurred	Total HI and/or SMI Liability	Hospital Insurance (HI)			Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI)			Balance Billing
		Total	Deductible	Coinsurance	Total	Deductible	Coinsurance	
Number of Persons Served ¹								
Total	32,059,140	7,090,860	6,981,860	1,157,080	31,228,140	30,559,120	30,559,600	1,560,720
\$1 - \$499	13,452,580	1,320	40	1,280	12,772,180	12,295,120	12,113,620	448,280
\$500 - \$999	5,885,400	7,460	4,320	3,140	5,880,660	5,832,480	5,880,660	353,280
\$1,000 - \$1,999	5,541,800	1,744,860	1,735,800	18,760	5,421,740	5,347,260	5,412,520	327,380
\$2,000 - \$4,999	5,118,020	3,625,140	3,596,340	285,840	5,098,520	5,051,620	5,097,860	324,600
\$5,000 - \$9,999	1,345,880	1,075,640	1,044,240	413,940	1,342,340	1,328,920	1,342,300	75,700
\$10,000 - \$14,999	478,420	422,560	404,900	279,920	476,280	469,100	476,220	20,940
\$15,000 or More	237,040	213,880	196,220	154,200	236,420	234,620	236,420	10,540
Liability in Thousands								
Total	\$51,408,821	\$14,800,826	\$8,534,499	\$6,266,327	\$36,607,994	\$4,067,316	\$32,494,557	\$46,121
\$1 - \$499	3,361,574	301	11	290	3,361,273	1,610,522	1,743,739	7,012
\$500 - \$999	4,193,740	5,537	4,197	1,340	4,188,202	784,790	3,394,656	8,756
\$1,000 - \$1,999	8,039,319	1,786,550	1,776,104	10,447	6,252,769	718,777	5,523,849	10,143
\$2,000 - \$4,999	15,536,042	4,661,165	4,299,517	361,649	10,874,877	679,747	10,181,835	13,295
\$5,000 - \$9,999	9,258,354	3,094,246	1,591,348	1,502,899	6,164,107	178,812	5,980,365	4,932
\$10,000 - \$14,999	5,857,110	2,861,193	561,322	2,299,871	2,995,917	63,084	2,931,729	1,105
\$15,000 or More	5,162,682	2,391,834	302,001	2,089,832	2,770,849	31,583	2,738,386	880
Average Liability per Person Served ¹								
Total	\$1,604	\$2,087	\$1,222	\$5,416	\$1,172	\$133	\$1,063	\$30
\$1 - \$499	250	228	273	226	263	131	144	16
\$500 - \$999	713	742	972	427	712	135	577	25
\$1,000 - \$1,999	1,451	1,024	1,023	557	1,153	134	1,021	31
\$2,000 - \$4,999	3,036	1,286	1,196	1,265	2,133	135	1,997	41
\$5,000 - \$9,999	6,879	2,877	1,524	3,631	4,592	135	4,455	65
\$10,000 - \$14,999	12,243	6,771	1,386	8,216	6,290	134	6,156	53
\$15,000 or More	21,780	11,183	1,539	13,553	11,720	135	11,583	83

¹Represents beneficiaries who received covered services under fee-for-service and includes a small number for whom no program payments were reported.

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 because of 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 equitable 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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