

# Medicare *by the* Numbers *Annual Enrollment 2015*

## Enrolling for Medicare is Time Sensitive:

You must enroll in Medicare within a certain period of time or you might encounter a delay or penalty to enroll.

**54 days**



Annual Enrollment Period (AEP)  
from **October 15 to December 7**

**7 months**

First-time Medicare enrollees have seven months to enroll



**15 months**

Possible wait for Medicare Part B if you miss your initial enrollment period + lifetime penalties



## Average Number of Plans Available:

Depending on where you live there are a variety of options available for Part D prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans.

**18**



Average number of Medicare Advantage plans available

Average number of prescription drug/Part D plans available



## Why People Change Medicare Plans:

You may need to review your Medicare coverage or potentially change your plan if you experience any of the following changes to your plan or in your life.



### Relocation

*Moving to a new plan area.*



### New and Better Plans

*Provider offering new plans.*



### Health changes

*Better or poorer health.*

### Medication changes

*Different drugs, higher costs.*



### Plan changes

*Your current plan no longer fits.*



### Cost

*Rising premiums, expenses.*



## Number of People Enrolled:

Currently 55 million people benefit from Medicare coverage in the United States.



**55 million** Medicare beneficiaries



**17.4 million** people in Medicare Advantage plans

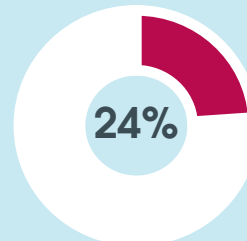
= 10 million people

## Poor Medicare Choices Can Be Costly:

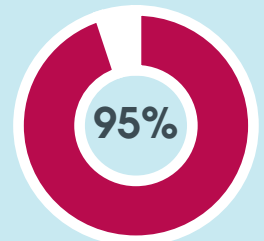
If you currently have Medicare coverage, there are a number of ways to save money with your plan.



of Medicare beneficiaries had to make at least one spending cut (e.g., eating out, travel, entertainment) because their healthcare costs were more than they expected



of Medicare beneficiaries were surprised when their Medicare plan didn't cover a medical treatment they needed



of Medicare beneficiaries spent too much on their Part D prescription drug plans

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