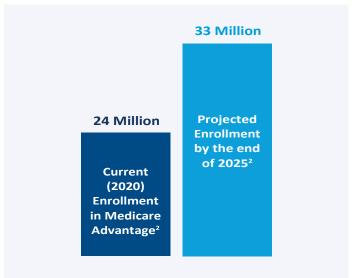
# Why Is Medicare Advantage the Future of Medicare?

Medicare Advantage is leading the innovative use of value-based care which delivers better health outcomes, through better quality care at a better cost for Medicare beneficiaries. Medicare Advantage is Modern Medicare for Seniors, Better Outcomes for Our Nation. Medicare Advantage is the Future of Medicare.

#### **Modern Medicare for Seniors**

Medicare Advantage offers beneficiaries the choice of an integrated care plan, with a focus on delivering patient-centered primary care, early intervention and care coordination.





94% of seniors on Medicare Advantage are satisfied with the quality of care received¹

are satisfied with their selection of available doctors provided with their Medicare Advantage plan where they live<sup>1</sup> of Medicare beneficiaries have access to at least one Medicare Advantage health plan<sup>3</sup>

91%
of people with Medicare
will have access to
10 or more Medicare
Advantage plans

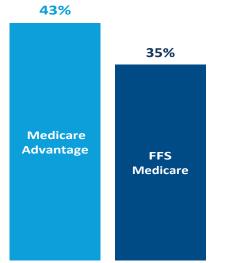
**More Than** 

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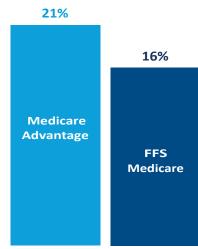
#### **Better Choice, Better Value**

Medicare Advantage is increasingly the preferred option for high-cost, high-need beneficiaries.

### Medicare Advantage has a higher proportion of low-income beneficiaries

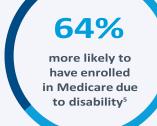


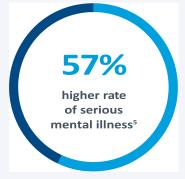
Percentage of Beneficiaries in Each Program with Annual Incomes Below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$24,000/year for an individual)



Percentage of Medicaid-Eligible Beneficiaries in Each Program

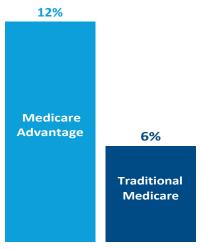
#### Compared to FFS Medicare, Medicare Advantage beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions have higher rates of clinical and social risk factors







## Medicare Advantage is the preferred option for minority populations



Proportion of Enrollees who are Hispanic/Latino4

47%
of Hispanic/Latino
Medicare beneficiaries
enroll in Medicare
Advantage

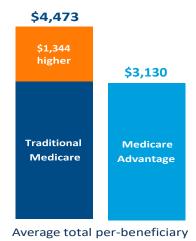
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<sup>5.</sup> Medicare Advantage Achieves Cost-Effective Care and Better Outcomes for Beneficiaries with Chronic Conditions Relative to Fee-for-Service Medicare. Avalere Health, July2018.

#### **Better Cost**

**30%** 

On average, beneficiaries in MA pay 30% lower outof-pocket costs than beneficiaries in FFS<sup>6</sup>



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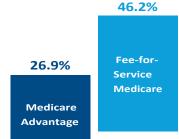
96%
of Medicare
beneficiaries have
access to an MA-PD
plan with a \$0premium<sup>8</sup>



A smaller percentage of Medicare Advantage

beneficiaries are burdened by their out-of-pocket expenses.

Compared to FFS Medicare, beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage have lower average out-of-pocket expenses.



Percentage of Low-Income (<200% FPL) Non-Medicaid Beneficiaries Who Are Cost-Burdened (Spend 20%+ of Income on Out-of-Pocket Costs + Premium) in 2017

#### **Better Outcomes**

Chronically ill diabetics experience

**73**%

lower rate of serious complications than in Traditional Medicare<sup>7</sup>

Fewer inpatient hospital stays than those in Traditional Medicare<sup>7</sup>

23%

**33**%

Fewer ER visits than Traditional Medicare bene<u>ficiaries<sup>7</sup></u> 29%

Lower rate
of potentially
avoidable
hospitalizations
than Traditional
Medicare
beneficiaries<sup>7</sup>

Patients with five or more chronic conditions are

**70%** 

more likely to enroll in Medicare Advantage compared to those with no chronic conditions<sup>9</sup>



Compared to Traditional Medicare patients, Medicare Advantage patients who received care in a skilled nursing facility had a shorter course of rehabilitation, were more likely to be discharged to the community successfully and were less likely to experience a 30-day hospital readmission.



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