

MEDICARE PERSPECTIVE INDEX

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Pages in the House passed Medicare bill. ¹	747
Pages in the Senate passed Medicare bill. ²	1,043
Estimated pages in the Medicare bill reported out of Conference Committee. ³	1,100
Pages in the Clinton Health Security Act of 1993. ⁴	1,364
Pages relating to Medicare in the Clinton Health Security Act. ⁵	179
Days House Leadership has promised Members can have to read the final Medicare bill before voting on it. ⁶	3
Seconds available to read and comprehend each page of the final Medicare bill if devoting eight hours a day for three days to reading the bill.	78
Number of Medicare enrollees in 2002 ⁷	40,600,000
Number of uninsured persons in 2002 ⁸	43,574,000
Dollars of total Medicare spending in 2002 ⁹	246,800,000,000
Total dollars paid in Medicare premiums by enrollees in 2002. ¹⁰	25,600,000,000
Dollars of net taxpayer subsidy to Medicare in 2002. ¹¹	221,200,000,000
Total dollars paid in 2001 by federal, state and local governments to hospitals and clinics for providing care to the uninsured. ¹²	30,600,000,000
Dollars spent per enrollee by Medicare in 2002.	6,079
Dollars of net taxpayer subsidy per Medicare enrollee in 2002.	5,448
Dollars of net taxpayer subsidy per uninsured person in 2002.	743
Number of uninsured adults who worked full or part time in 2002 and thus paid the Medicare tax of 2.9 cents on every dollar they earned to fund health insurance for someone else. ¹³	25,679,000
Number of working uninsured adults with incomes below the poverty level in 2002 who paid the Medicare tax of 2.9 cents on every dollar they earned to fund health insurance for someone else. ¹⁴	4,080,000
Additional dollars budgeted by Congress for FY 2004 through FY 2013 to pay for expanding Medicare to include prescription drugs. ¹⁵	400,000,000,000
Additional dollars budgeted by Congress for FY 2004 through FY 2013 to pay for providing health insurance to the uninsured. ¹⁶	49,965,000,000
Annualized amount (in dollars) of additional federal spending per Medicare enrollee authorized in the budget resolution.	985
Annualized amount (in dollars) of additional federal spending per uninsured person authorized in the budget resolution.	115
Bills passed by either the House or Senate this year to spend	2

authorized funds to expand Medicare coverage.	
Bills passed by either the House or Senate this year to spend authorized funds to provide the uninsured with vouchers or tax credits to help buy coverage.	0
Percent of Medicare beneficiaries with no current prescription drug coverage. ¹⁷	25
Percent of Medicare beneficiaries with current prescription drug benefits provided by a former employer. ¹⁸	30
Days it took Congress to respond to angry seniors and repeal the Medicare drug benefit the last time it passed one. ¹⁹	530
Number of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the U.S. as defined by Office of Management and the Budget. ²⁰	370
Maximum number of MSAs permitted under the final legislation to be premium support demonstration sites between 2010 and 2016. ²¹	6
Percentage of MSAs in which premium support could be tested under the bill.	1.62
Senators who, in a letter to the President, characterized Federal Employee Benefit Program (FEHBP) style premium support as, “a vast social experiment that would raise premiums for Medicare and victimize the oldest and sickest senior citizens.” ²²	37
Retired federal workers age 65 and older without Medicare and with only FEHBP coverage, who choose their own health insurance plan each year. ²³	172,757
Retired federal workers over age 99 with no Medicare and with only FEHBP coverage. ²⁴	1,870

¹ 108th Congress, H.R. 1

² 108th Congress, S. 1

³ CongressDaily, November 19, 2003.

⁴ 103rd Congress, S. 1757

⁵ Ibid., Title II, Subtitle A, and Title IV, Subtitles A&B

⁶ CongressDaily, November 14, 2003.

⁷ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *2003 CMS Statistics*, Table 1, “Medicare enrollment/trends,” at: <http://www.cms.gov/researchers/pubs/03cmsstats.pdf>

⁸ U.S. Census Bureau, *Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2002*, September, 2003, Table 1, “People Without Health Insurance for the Entire Year by Selected Characteristics: 2001 and 2002” at: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/p60-223.pdf>

⁹ Op. Cit., *2003 CMS Statistics*, Table 25, “CMS and total Federal outlays”

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Total expenditures minus premiums paid by enrollees.

¹² Hadley, Jack and Holahan, John, “How Much Medical Care Do The Uninsured Use, And Who Pays For It?” Health Affairs Web Exclusive, W3-81, February 12, 2003, at: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/hlthaff.w3.66v1.pdf>

¹³ Op. Cit., *Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2002*, Table 1.

¹⁴ Ibid., Table 2, “People in Poverty Without Health Insurance for the Entire Year by Selected Characteristics: 2001 and 2002”

¹⁵ 108th Congress, H.Con.Res. 95, Sec. 401.

¹⁶ 108th Congress, H.Con.Res. 95, Sec. 405.

¹⁷ Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office, *Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare's Fiscal Challenges*, testimony before the Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, April 9, 2003.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ The “Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988”, (100th Congress, H.R. 2470), was signed into law July 1, 1988. The “Act to Repeal the Medicare Provisions in the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988,” (101st Congress, H.R. 3607), was signed into law December 13, 1989.

²⁰ OMB BULLETIN NO. 03-04 at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/bulletins/b03-04.html>

²¹ Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, “Summary of Medicare Conference Agreement,” November 17, 2003, at:

<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/media/pdf/healthdocs/confagreement.pdf>

²² Letter of July 8, 2003 to the President from Senators: Kennedy, Daschle, Stabenow, Feingold, Dodd, Akaka, Kohl, Corzine, Murray, Bayh, Carper, Bingaman, Reid, Jeffords, Hollings, Johnson, Dayton, Wyden, Cantwell, Clinton, Boxer, Durbin, Mikulski, Inouye, Rockefeller, Dorgan, Schumer, Pryor, Lautenberg, Lincoln, Levin, Kerry, Leahy, Bill Nelson, Biden, Conrad and Lieberman.

²³ Office of Personal Management data on enrollment in FEHBP by age, sex employment status and Medicare coverage status.

²⁴ Ibid.

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