

# South Dakota Medicare Advantage Beneficiaries Receive Better Value and Spend 36% Less than Beneficiaries in Medicare FFS

**23% (41,657) of Medicare beneficiaries in South Dakota were enrolled in Medicare Advantage (MA) in 2020.**

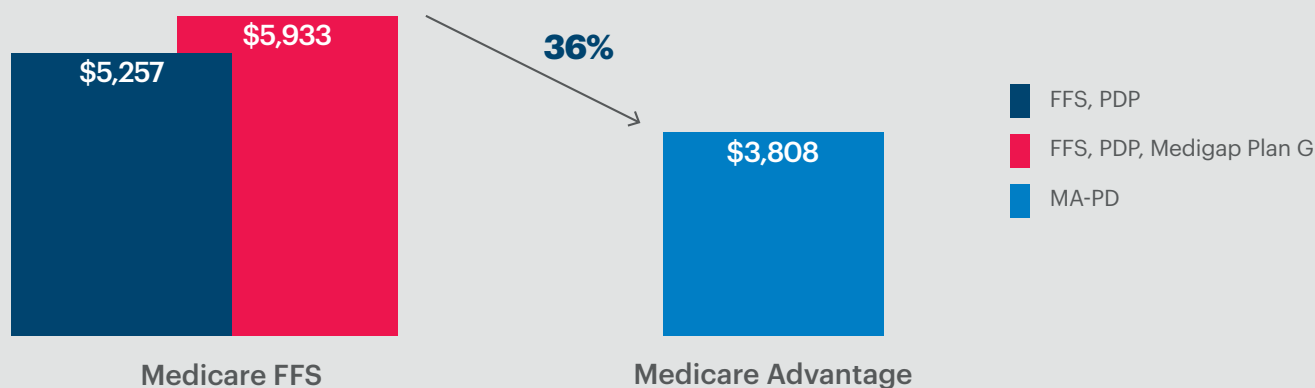
The average Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug (MA-PD) plan beneficiary in South Dakota spends:



**\$1,449 Less** than a beneficiary in South Dakota who enrolls in traditional **Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) and a prescription drug plan (PDP)**

**\$2,125 Less** than a beneficiary in South Dakota who also purchases **Medigap Plan G as supplemental coverage for medical out-of-pocket costs**

## Annual Health Care Spending by Comparable Medicare Beneficiaries in South Dakota, 2020



## Within All Age Groups, South Dakota's Beneficiaries in MA-PD Spend Less than those in Medicare FFS

**\$1,192 to \$1,858 Less**  
than a **65-year old** FFS  
beneficiary in average health



**\$1,876 to \$2,483 Less**  
than an **85-year old** FFS  
beneficiary in average health

In addition to the dental, vision, and hearing benefits typically offered, **the average MA-PD beneficiary in South Dakota receives \$164 in annual supplemental benefits**, such as care coordination, meals and non-emergency transportation, not offered by Medicare FFS.

Sources, methodology, and results for other states and on a national basis are available at: <http://www.uhg.com/MA-cost-savings-research>.

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