


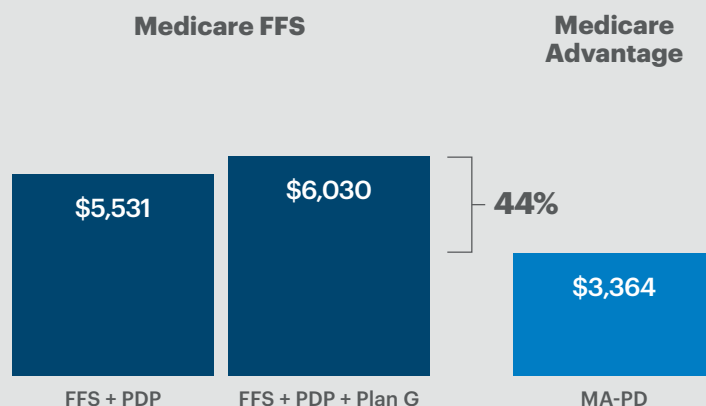
# South Carolina Medicare Advantage Beneficiaries Receive Better Value and Spend 44% Less than Beneficiaries in Medicare FFS

**43% (510,000)** of Medicare beneficiaries in South Carolina were enrolled in Medicare Advantage in 2023.<sup>†</sup>

In South Carolina, a Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug (MA-PD) plan beneficiary of average age (73 years old) and average health spends:

 **44% less (\$3,364 vs. \$6,030 annually)** than a comparable beneficiary in Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) with a prescription drug plan (PDP) and Medigap Plan G.\*

## Estimated Annual Health Care Spending by Comparable Beneficiaries in South Carolina, 2023\*



## Across age groups in South Carolina, MA-PD beneficiaries spend less than those in Medicare FFS.\*

A **65-year-old** MA-PD beneficiary in average health spends:

**\$1,929 Less**  
than a FFS + PDP beneficiary

**\$2,390 Less**  
than a FFS + PDP + Plan G beneficiary



An **85-year-old** MA-PD beneficiary in average health spends:

**\$2,659 Less**  
than a FFS + PDP beneficiary

**\$3,107 Less**  
than a FFS + PDP + Plan G beneficiary

In addition to the dental, vision, and hearing benefits typically offered, **the average MA-PD beneficiary in South Carolina receives \$181 each year in additional services** that are not covered by Medicare FFS,\* such as:



In-home health visits



Over-the-counter drug cards



Transportation to provider visits



Nutrition and meal delivery

<sup>†</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, "Medicare Monthly Enrollment," February 2023. Accessed March 22, 2023.  
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\* Milliman, "Average Annual Beneficiary Health Care Costs for Various Medicare Coverage Options," September 2023.  
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