

Table 1. Enrollment in Medicare Advantage and Other Prepaid Plans, by Location of Residence and by Type of Plan, 2011-2019

Type of Plan	March 2011		March 2015		March 2019	
	Rural	Total	Rural	Total	Rural	Total
Medicare Advantage	1,240,243	11,167,256	1,904,895	16,033,542	2,720,047	21,649,498
HMOs/POS	363,939	7,381,138	602,930	10,525,129	940,698	13,423,471
PFFS	237,435	577,910	118,236	256,143	56,685	114,203
PPOs and other MA	638,869	3,208,208	1,183,729	5,252,270	1,722,664	8,111,824
Other prepaid plans	108,908	472,044	174,308	619,005	115,250	311,579
TOTAL	1,349,151	11,639,300	2,079,203	16,652,547	2,835,297	21,961,077
	Percent of Medicare Population		Percent of Medicare Population		Percent of Medicare Population	
Medicare Advantage	13.9%	23.8%	19.4%	30.0%	24.2%	34.3%
HMOs/POS	4.1%	15.7%	6.2%	19.7%	8.4%	21.3%
PFFS	2.7%	1.2%	1.2%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%
PPOs and other MA	7.1%	6.8%	12.1%	9.8%	15.3%	12.9%
Other prepaid plans	1.2%	1.0%	1.8%	1.2%	1.0%	0.5%
TOTAL	15.1%	24.8%	21.2%	31.1%	25.2%	34.8%

Source: RUPRI Center for RURAL Health Policy Analysis, based on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data as of March 2019

Note: Excludes enrollment in any county and plan if the plan enrolls 10 or fewer enrollees in that county (due to restrictions on data release by CMS) and excludes enrollees in US territories (due to data incompatibilities with geographic files).

Other prepaid plans include cost plans and demonstration plans. HMO = health maintenance organization; MA = Medicare Advantage; PFFS = private fee-for-service; POS = point of service; PPO = preferred provider organization