



## Insight

# Percentage of Medicare Beneficiaries at Risk of Losing Part D Plan

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The administration's proposed Medicare Part D rule, released in January 2014 will have a far-reaching and harmful impact on beneficiaries enrolled in the popular prescription drug program. The most damaging to plan enrollees is CMS effectively doing away with preferred networks in Part D, which negotiate prices that are key to keeping monthly premiums and drug prices low. This decision could [force as many as 14 million enrollees](#) out of their current plans, and into a new, higher cost plans.

The map and table below display, respectively, the percent and total number of Medicare beneficiaries in each state that are at risk of losing their drug coverage in 2015, if the rule is allowed to go into effect.

### Percentage of Medicare Beneficiaries at Risk of Losing Part D Plan

| State      | Medicare Beneficiaries in Preferred Network Plans |
|------------|---|
| Alabama    | 249,530   |
| Alaska     | 21,006  |
| Arizona    | 233,826   |
| Arkansas   | 174,711   |
| California | 1,200,074   |

| State                | Medicare Beneficiaries in Preferred Network Plans |
|----------------------|---|
| Colorado             | 181,349   |
| Connecticut          | 170,142   |
| Delaware             | 68,294  |
| District of Columbia | 27,004  |
| Florida              | 1,007,077   |
| Georgia              | 425,401   |
| Hawaii               | 17,431  |
| Idaho                | 61,975  |
| Illinois             | 76,1137   |
| Indiana              | 401,452   |
| Iowa                 | 177,282   |
| Kansas               | 211,465   |
| Kentucky             | 297,432   |
| Louisiana            | 167,474   |
| Maine                | 132,415   |
| Maryland             | 285,479   |
| Massachusetts        | 342,840   |
| Michigan             | 537,086   |
| Minnesota            | 172,809   |
| Mississippi          | 209,577   |
| Missouri             | 330,673   |
| Montana              | 56,988  |
| Nebraska             | 112,141   |
| Nevada               | 102,284   |

| State          | Medicare Beneficiaries in Preferred Network Plans |
|----------------|---|
| New Hampshire  | 102,747   |
| New Jersey     | 446,486   |
| New Mexico     | 71,173  |
| New York       | 659,179   |
| North Carolina | 572,525   |
| North Dakota   | 41,265  |
| Ohio           | 490,416   |
| Oklahoma       | 198,138   |
| Oregon         | 124,151   |
| Pennsylvania   | 515,000   |
| Rhode Island   | 50,690  |
| South Carolina | 270,856   |
| South Dakota   | 56,795  |
| Tennessee      | 328,983   |
| Texas          | 946,557   |
| Utah           | 58,482  |
| Vermont        | 50,528  |
| Virginia       | 412,826   |
| Washington     | 240,145   |
| West Virginia  | 115,704   |
| Wisconsin      | 231,236   |
| Wyoming        | 36,342  |

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