Medicare Prescription Drug Trends

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Prescription Drug Coverage Expanded Through Medicare

Source: US Census Bureau, KFF.
Medicare Covers 12% of Population Yet Accounts for 29% of Drug Spending in the U.S.

Source: US Census Bureau, KFF, CMS.
Affordability Can Impede Access to Medicine for Adults

In the past year, was there any time when you did not fill a prescription for medicine due to cost?

- **2003**: 23% (19-64 years) 13% (65 years or older)
- **2010**: 26% (19-64 years) 17% (65 years or older)
- **2014**: 19% (19-64 years) 10% (65 years or older)

CBO Projects Part D Costs to Stay Above Hospital (Part A) and Physician (Part B) Costs

Source: CMWF analysis of CBO baseline, adjusted for recoveries.
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U.S. Exceeds Peer Countries in Cancer Drug Expenditures...

Total Expenditures Associated with All Cancer Medications (billions of 2014 U.S. $)

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...Even When Incidence is Taken Into Account

Total Incidence-Adjusted Expenditures Associated with All Cancer Medications (thousands of 2014 U.S. $)