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MEDICARE RELEASES STATE-BY-STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ENROLLMENT FIGURES

NEARLY 24 MILLION MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES NOW HAVE COVERAGE

Medicare today released state-by-state data reflecting enrollment in the Medicare prescription drug benefit that began on January 1. Pharmacists around the country are filling a million prescriptions a day and many seniors are reporting that they are already saving money from the benefit.

In total, more than 24 million people with Medicare across the U.S. now have prescription drug coverage through Medicare Advantage plans, new stand alone prescription drug plans and employer and union plans. More than 2.6 million people signed up for the new stand-alone prescription drug plans in the last 30 days, on top of the 1 million who enrolled in these plans in the first 30 days of the program.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services saw a surge in enrollment in Medicare drug plans at the end of December and the number of people enrolling continues to climb. Since November, 1.6 million have signed up on-line, and the on-line enrollment center at www.medicare.gov has been processing an average of more than 20,000 enrollments a day as of the week ending January 13.

The national drug benefit enrollment figures as of Jan. 13 are:

- Stand-alone Prescription Drug Plans: about 3.6 million (2.6 million since Dec. 13)
- Medicare/Medicaid: 6.2 million, including 600,000 in Medicare Advantage plans.
- Medicare Advantage: 4.5 million plus the 600,000 Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Retiree coverage: About 6.4 million retirees are enrolled in the Medicare retiree subsidy. Also, as stated last month, about 1 million retirees are in employer coverage that incorporates or supplements Medicare's coverage. Another estimated 500,000 retirees are continuing in coverage that is as good as Medicare's.
- TRICARE/ FEHB retirees: 3.1 million.

State by state figures follow below. Note that in this table, the 600,000 Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries are included in the Medicare Advantage column and not the Medicare/Medicaid column, as above.

State Enrollment in Medicare Prescription Drug Plans Nov. 15, 2005 – Jan. 13, 2006

State	Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan	Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drugs*	Medicare-Medicaid (Automatically Enrolled)	Medicare Retiree Drug Subsidy	Estimated Federal Retirees (Tricare, FEHB)	Total With Drug Coverage
Alabama	74,807	76,867	82,098	107,684	72,991	414,447
Alaska	2,737	95	11,255	9,914	17,671	41,672
Arizona	48,595	244,249	49,528	103,576	32,770	478,718
Arkansas	62,788	3,684	60,294	49,668	69,784	246,218
California	155,394	1,222,191	875,243	424,223	310,997	2,988,048
Colorado	30,584	129,563	37,546	72,114	68,510	338,317
Connecticut	46,841	30,722	66,388	105,986	19,587	269,524
Delaware	25,889	424	9,432	30,110	10,916	76,771
District Of Columbia	3,017	4,687	15,115	3,035	23,597	49,451
Florida	226,391	601,193	328,919	427,022	237,921	1,821,446
Georgia	140,541	34,629	135,814	108,828	123,468	543,280
Hawaii	3,082	47,087	22,740	32,824	47,748	153,481
Idaho	17,417	12,867	17,909	18,524	17,077	83,794
Illinois	251,339	66,726	248,315	318,813	66,695	951,888
Indiana	108,309	7,179	94,379	181,559	33,649	425,075
Iowa	42,139	13,406	54,545	39,799	17,913	167,802
Kansas	42,595	13,415	38,927	27,607	35,626	158,170
Kentucky	80,019	26,933	78,240	122,087	43,700	350,979
Louisiana	34,972	68,151	134,174	91,909	43,921	373,127
Maine	29,582	748	44,945	32,114	18,012	125,401
Maryland	80,092	27,923	56,536	119,900	130,157	414,608
Massachusetts	71,082	109,619	183,359	179,047	40,626	583,733
Michigan	160,824	24,844	190,062	446,984	38,489	861,203
Minnesota	46,428	84,814	58,047	73,040	24,571	286,900
Mississippi	45,209	3,933	129,089	28,440	39,923	246,594
Missouri	74,228	114,201	137,409	115,301	58,212	499,351
Montana	10,856	1,434	14,750	12,494	13,496	53,030
Nebraska	24,703	10,630	31,360	21,620	19,630	107,943
Nevada	15,285	84,921	17,126	38,602	31,110	187,044
New Hampshire	18,862	1,434	18,827	31,657	13,333	84,113
New Jersey	182,104	55,811	135,048	259,907	52,390	685,260
New Mexico	15,092	44,542	31,385	39,975	32,979	163,973
New York	110,566	300,585	494,346	498,597	90,736	1,494,830
North Carolina	137,210	90,342	215,945	204,717	130,624	778,838
North Dakota	8,720	751	10,413	4,595	9,748	34,227
Ohio	118,454	197,716	172,056	505,489	73,761	1,067,476
Oklahoma	68,110	40,146	73,297	46,110	61,165	288,828
Oregon	56,312	109,593	32,042	43,044	31,894	272,885
Pennsylvania	133,062	478,537	146,752	287,170	95,593	1,141,114
Rhode Island	7,869	51,367	25,939	12,154	10,940	108,269
South Carolina	64,759	18,074	113,045	106,393	70,649	372,920
South Dakota	12,696	1,066	11,551	5,972	10,303	41,588
Tennessee	84,144	94,309	212,299	108,277	60,085	559,114
Texas	234,159	223,653	295,043	410,590	248,025	1,411,470
Utah	25,339	11,814	19,987	26,883	32,140	116,163
Vermont	14,478	96	15,722	13,428	5,069	48,793
Virginia	120,518	20,824	102,290	107,022	221,530	572,184
Washington	61,233	72,341	94,042	96,132	108,435	432,183
West Virginia	41,208	4,776	40,801	82,919	14,852	184,556
Wisconsin	60,919	44,448	108,676	132,954	26,470	373,467
Wyoming	8,073	335	5,443	6,792	7,767	28,410
Puerto Rico	9,873	163,219	793	10,059	0	183,944
Virgin Islands	865	42	12	3,030	0	3,949
Other	1,461	1,920	711	0	0	4,092
Total	3,551,831	5,094,876	5,600,009	6,386,690	3,117,255	23,750,661

* Medicare Advantage includes 600,000 Medicare-Medicaid beneficiaries.

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