

A FACT SHEET ON:

QUALITY AND VALUE BASED CARE IN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

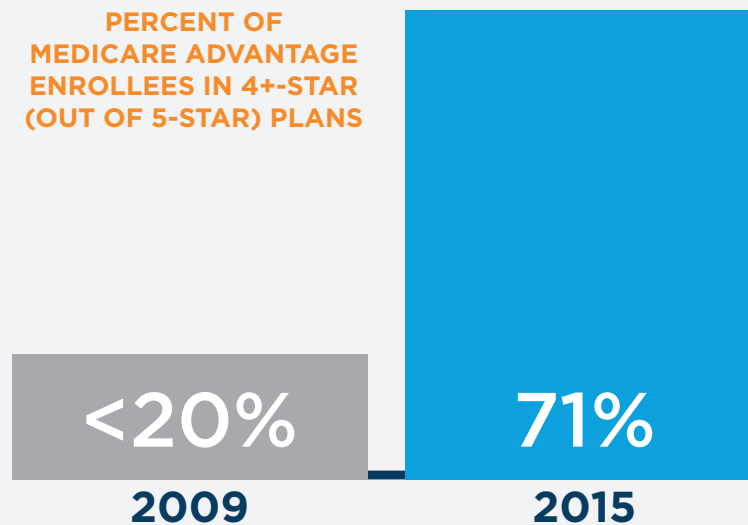
Closing Gaps in Patient Care, Encouraging Preventive Services, Improving Quality, and Achieving High Patient Satisfaction in Medicare Advantage

Medicare Advantage is an option within Medicare that offers quality, affordability and simplicity, with enhanced benefits to more than 17 million Medicare beneficiaries across the country. The number of seniors choosing Medicare Advantage is growing, with one third of Medicare-eligible individuals currently enrolled in Medicare Advantage. Medicare Advantage plans are working with providers and health systems to create value based partnerships that are forging the path into the future of health care payment and delivery in the United States. Health care practitioners are incentivized to provide effective care in the best setting for the patient, and quality is measured and publicly reported.

- **91% of beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage are satisfied with their coverage**, with 69% saying they are highly satisfied.¹
- **According to CMS data, over 97% of Medicare Advantage plans offer at least a vision, hearing, or dental benefit**, and half of Medicare Advantage plans offer all three benefits. Vision benefits are the most commonly offered additional benefit, with about 94% of plans offering a vision benefit.²
- **Traditional FFS Medicare does not cover routine vision, hearing, or dental care.** Medicare Advantage is able to offer these additional benefits, as well as others, in the form of supplemental benefits to beneficiaries via rebate dollars at no additional cost to the beneficiary, improving the quality of care in Medicare Advantage and the satisfaction of beneficiaries.
- **CMS presented data in 2015 that currently 99% of Medicare-eligible beneficiaries have access to a Medicare Advantage plan** in their area.³
- **Under Medicare Advantage, health care practitioners are incentivized to provide high quality care** via clinical and satisfaction metrics. These metrics are measured and publicly reported through the annual Star Ratings program. Plans with the highest Star Ratings are rewarded.
- **Medicare Advantage plans report to CMS on more than 30 quality performance measures in the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information (HEDIS) system**, as well as the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey to allow CMS to measure quality and satisfaction.

- **Star Ratings in Medicare Advantage are driving improvements in Medicare Advantage quality for beneficiaries** — CMS data show 71% of Medicare Advantage enrollees are now in 4+-Star (out of 5-Star) plans, an improvement from less than 20% in 2009.⁴
- **Medicare Advantage plans have set ambitious goals to expand value based contracting agreements with their providers.** Aetna has set a goal to reach 75% of its medical spending in Medicare Advantage to value based contracting by 2020. Humana aims to have 75% of its Medicare Advantage enrollees in value based care models by 2017. United

Healthcare expects value based care arrangements for its enrollees to reach \$65 billion by the end of 2018.



Graph: CMS Star Rating and enrollment data, October 2015.

1 Better Medicare Alliance, The Winston Group. Recent Survey on Medicare Advantage. (February 24-28, 2015).

2 CMS data, 2015.

3 CMS. Fact Sheet: Moving Medicare Advantage and Part D forward. (September 21, 2015). Available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-sheets/2015-Fact-sheets-items/2015-09-21.html>

4 CMS 2016 Star Rating data, 2015.

Better Medicare Alliance (BMA) is the leading coalition of nurses, doctors, health plans, employers, aging service agencies, advocates, retiree organizations, and beneficiaries supporting Medicare Advantage. Medicare Advantage offers quality, affordability and simplicity, with enhanced benefits to more than 17 million Medicare beneficiaries across America. BMA works to ensure the sustainability and stability of Medicare Advantage through information, research, education, and united support among stakeholders to strengthen this important coverage for seniors and the disabled. For more information please visit www.bettermedicarealliance.org.