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Medicare Advantage achieved

combined medical and prescription drug costs than Traditional FFS Medicare.



Medicare Advantage beneficiaries received a pneumonia vaccine

49% more often

and a flu vaccine 11% more often than those in Traditional FFS Medicare.



Medicare Advantage beneficiaries with major complex chronic conditions had a

57% lower rate

of avoidable hospitalizations for acute conditions than those in Traditional FFS Medicare.



Medicare Advantage beneficiaries were

screened for depression

breast cancer, prostate cancer, and received a risk falls assessment at a higher rate than Traditional FFS Medicare.



Costs for primary care services were

41% higher

for beneficiaries with major complex chronic conditions in Medicare Advantage, implying higher utilization of primary care services.



Prescription drug costs were

41% lower

in Medicare Advantage and fewer beneficiaries are prescribed high-risk medications, such as opioids.



Medicare Advantage beneficiaries with major complex chronic conditions had a

16% lower rate

of skilled nursing facility (SNF) stays than those in Traditional FFS Medicare.



Among under age 65 disabled beneficiaries with diabetes,

79%of beneficiaries

in Medicare Advantage received an eye exam – used to detect conditions such as diabetic retinopathy – as compared to 51% in Traditional FFS Medicare.



Frail elderly and under age 65 disabled Medicare Advantage beneficiaries

66% and 46%

higher rates of outpatient visits, respectively, than those in Traditional FFS Medicare.



74% of frail elderly Medicare Advantage beneficiaries had a

visit with their doctor

within 14 days of a hospital discharge, as compared to 52% in Traditional FFS Medicare.