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Beneficiaries in (000s)				
Medicare Status¹				
Aged				
65 - 74 years	46.18	44.83	44.27	56.08
	0.30	0.50	0.64	0.98
75 - 84 years	30.68	31.13	30.05	29.85
	0.25	0.38	0.64	0.85
85 years and older	11.17	11.68	11.45	8.29
	0.17	0.25	0.39	0.43
Disabled				
Under 45 years	3.83	4.31	4.22	0.89
	0.10	0.15	0.17	0.14
45 - 64 years	8.13	8.05	10.00	4.90
	0.18	0.26	0.44	0.45
Gender by Age				
Male				
	43.77	43.42	44.17	44.64
	0.27	0.41	0.49	1.09
Aged				
65 - 74 years	21.36	20.82	20.39	25.74
	0.29	0.46	0.43	1.05
75 - 84 years	12.08	11.96	12.08	12.59
	0.18	0.29	0.31	0.61
85 years and older	3.35	3.45	3.32	3.00
	0.10	0.14	0.15	0.25
Disabled				
Under 45 years	2.28	2.50	2.65	0.59
	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.11
45 - 64 years	4.70	4.69	5.74	2.73
	0.15	0.23	0.30	0.33

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Beneficiaries in (000s)				
Female	56.23	56.58	55.83	55.36
	0.27	0.41	0.49	1.09
Aged				
65 - 74 years	24.82	24.02	23.89	30.34
	0.24	0.36	0.45	1.01
75 - 84 years	18.61	19.17	17.97	17.26
	0.23	0.33	0.56	0.75
85 years and older	7.81	8.23	8.13	5.29
	0.14	0.20	0.35	0.32
Disabled				
Under 45 years	1.54	1.80	1.57	0.30
	0.06	0.09	0.16	0.08
45 - 64 years	3.44	3.37	4.26	2.17
	0.10	0.14	0.26	0.32
Race/Ethnicity by Age²				
White non-Hispanic	82.73	83.19	82.66	80.71
	0.44	0.50	1.74	0.92
Aged				
65 - 74 years	38.40	37.42	37.50	44.66
	0.37	0.52	0.89	1.05
75 - 84 years	26.30	26.97	25.42	24.88
	0.26	0.41	0.82	0.80
85 years and older	9.76	10.33	9.80	7.04
	0.15	0.25	0.43	0.37
Disabled				
Under 45 years	2.56	2.82	2.90	0.67
	0.09	0.13	0.17	0.11
45 - 64 years	5.72	5.65	7.04	3.47
	0.18	0.26	0.44	0.37

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Beneficiaries in (000s)				
Black non-Hispanic	8.69	9.49	7.23	7.78
	0.18	0.39	0.98	0.53
Aged				
65 - 74 years	3.57	3.84	2.48	4.40
	0.12	0.21	0.44	0.34
75 - 84 years	2.26	2.45	1.99	1.92
	0.09	0.16	0.25	0.30
85 years and older	0.78	0.80	0.84	0.58
	0.06	0.07	0.15	0.12
Disabled				
Under 45 years	0.83	1.00	0.77	0.19
	0.05	0.08	0.08	0.05
45 - 64 years	1.25	1.42	1.16	0.70
	0.07	0.12	0.20	0.22
Hispanic	6.38	4.68	9.19	8.78
	0.43	0.23	1.48	0.79
Aged				
65 - 74 years	3.07	2.21	4.04	5.17
	0.22	0.15	0.69	0.64
75 - 84 years	1.57	1.04	2.38	2.48
	0.13	0.10	0.45	0.36
85 years and older	0.45	0.33	0.76	0.42
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Beneficiaries in (000s)				
Disabled				
Under 45 years	0.32	0.31	0.51	0.03
	<i>0.03</i>	<i>0.04</i>	<i>0.07</i>	<i>0.02</i>
45 - 64 years	0.96	0.79	1.50	0.68
	<i>0.10</i>	<i>0.11</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.19</i>

Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey

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- 1 Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) are included within the subgroups of "Aged" and "Disabled."
- 2 Race/ethnicity percentages do not add to 100 percent because the category "Other Race/Ethnicity" is not included as a category in the table, although it is included in the total.

Table 6.2 Demographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics of Medicare Beneficiaries, by HMO Status, 1997

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Beneficiaries in (000s)				
Marital Status				
Married	51.99	50.74	52.26	57.25
	0.36	0.51	0.93	1.10
Widowed	32.06	32.44	32.73	29.00
	0.36	0.50	0.90	0.97
Divorced/separated	8.85	8.58	8.88	10.09
	0.25	0.29	0.58	0.65
Never married	7.10	8.24	6.14	3.66
	0.18	0.26	0.37	0.34
Living Arrangement				
Community				
Lives alone	28.54	28.42	28.82	28.53
	0.32	0.50	0.77	0.98
With spouse	49.88	48.47	50.01	56.12
	0.35	0.51	0.92	1.14
With children	8.77	9.12	8.30	8.07
	0.22	0.31	0.50	0.54
With others	6.93	7.39	6.41	5.78
	0.20	0.27	0.37	0.51
Long-Term Care				
Facility	5.89	6.60	6.46	1.49
	0.18	0.27	0.31	0.18
Race/Ethnicity				
White non-Hispanic	82.73	83.19	82.66	80.71
	0.44	0.50	1.74	0.92
Black non-Hispanic	8.69	9.49	7.23	7.78
	0.18	0.39	0.98	0.53
Hispanic	6.38	4.68	9.19	8.78
	0.43	0.23	1.48	0.79
Other	2.21	2.63	0.92	2.73
	0.14	0.20	0.15	0.42

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Beneficiaries in (000s)				
Schooling				
0 - 8 years	20.99	18.24	30.16	16.08
	0.52	0.47	1.40	0.90
9 - 11 years	16.22	16.04	16.62	16.28
	0.35	0.46	0.73	0.83
12 years	33.13	33.55	31.01	35.24
	0.52	0.61	1.25	0.99
13 - 15 years	15.46	16.10	12.58	18.03
	0.32	0.45	0.51	0.75
16 or more years	14.20	16.07	9.63	14.37
	0.40	0.53	0.61	0.65
Income				
\$5,000 or less	7.13	6.85	8.61	5.52
	0.23	0.28	0.48	0.48
\$5,001 - \$10,000	25.42	24.47	28.47	23.94
	0.43	0.52	1.05	0.89
\$10,001 - \$15,000	17.13	16.79	17.84	17.32
	0.32	0.40	0.48	0.89
\$15,001 - \$20,000	11.90	11.63	11.80	13.31
	0.25	0.30	0.51	0.66
\$20,001 - \$25,000	10.25	10.47	9.63	10.46
	0.27	0.34	0.47	0.67
\$25,001 - \$30,000	7.82	8.19	6.55	8.54
	0.23	0.35	0.34	0.67
\$30,001 - \$35,000	5.11	5.23	4.53	5.68
	0.20	0.27	0.37	0.47
\$35,001 - \$40,000	4.32	4.16	4.38	4.94
	0.22	0.25	0.43	0.46
More than \$40,000	10.93	12.22	8.18	10.29
	0.29	0.46	0.45	0.61

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Metropolitan Area Resident				
Yes	75.53	88.11	34.41	96.71
	<i>0.28</i>	<i>2.10</i>	<i>2.92</i>	<i>0.82</i>
No	24.47	11.89	65.59	3.29
	<i>0.28</i>	<i>2.10</i>	<i>2.92</i>	<i>0.82</i>
Propensity To Seek Care				
Worry About Health More Than Others In Age Group				
Yes	18.68	19.70	18.42	14.81
	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.48</i>	<i>0.78</i>	<i>0.73</i>
No	81.32	80.30	81.58	85.19
	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.48</i>	<i>0.78</i>	<i>0.73</i>
Avoid Going To Doctor				
Yes	30.43	28.69	36.18	27.49
	<i>0.53</i>	<i>0.69</i>	<i>0.96</i>	<i>1.30</i>
No	69.57	71.31	63.82	72.51
	<i>0.53</i>	<i>0.69</i>	<i>0.96</i>	<i>1.30</i>
Keep Illnesses To Self				
Yes	39.38	38.06	42.99	38.45
	<i>0.49</i>	<i>0.70</i>	<i>0.84</i>	<i>1.10</i>
No	60.62	61.94	57.01	61.55
	<i>0.49</i>	<i>0.70</i>	<i>0.84</i>	<i>1.10</i>
Go To Doctor As Soon As Feel Bad				
Yes	37.19	38.64	33.34	37.99
	<i>0.48</i>	<i>0.71</i>	<i>1.07</i>	<i>1.11</i>
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Table 6.3 Perceived Health and Functioning of Medicare Beneficiaries, by HMO Status, 1997

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Beneficiaries as a Percent of Column Total				
Health Status				
Excellent	15.17	15.03	13.58	18.88
	0.37	0.51	0.62	0.91
Very good	25.19	25.46	21.97	30.13
	0.39	0.60	0.81	0.98
Good	29.93	30.01	29.39	30.63
	0.36	0.55	0.61	0.97
Fair	20.11	20.06	22.54	15.67
	0.33	0.45	0.72	0.67
Poor	9.59	9.43	12.52	4.69
	0.22	0.31	0.57	0.41
Functional Limitation				
None	55.11	54.44	51.37	65.58
	0.41	0.55	0.90	1.19
IADL only ²	18.85	19.11	19.75	15.88
	0.31	0.44	0.68	0.73
One to two ADLs ³	14.23	14.17	15.50	12.05
	0.32	0.43	0.56	0.72
Three to five ADLs	11.80	12.28	13.39	6.49
	0.28	0.35	0.70	0.56
Upper Extremity Limitation				
No	59.81	60.94	54.62	64.59
	0.47	0.63	1.14	1.07
Yes, no ADL/IADL present	12.15	11.16	13.31	14.48
	0.31	0.39	0.64	0.86
Yes, ADL/IADL present	28.04	27.90	32.07	20.92
	0.37	0.55	0.84	0.88

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Beneficiaries as a Percent of Column Total				
Mobility Limitation				
No	54.25	55.02	49.08	60.66
	<i>0.44</i>	<i>0.67</i>	<i>0.86</i>	<i>1.26</i>
Yes, no ADL/IADL present	12.00	11.21	13.03	13.66
	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.40</i>	<i>0.74</i>	<i>0.87</i>
Yes, ADL/IADL present	33.75	33.78	37.89	25.68
	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.52</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>1.15</i>
Social Activity Limitation				
No	64.42	64.16	61.55	70.86
	<i>0.44</i>	<i>0.64</i>	<i>0.92</i>	<i>0.87</i>
Yes	35.58	35.84	38.45	29.14
	<i>0.44</i>	<i>0.64</i>	<i>0.92</i>	<i>0.87</i>

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- 1 Beneficiaries who were administered a community interview answered health status and functioning questions themselves, unless they were unable to do so. A proxy, such as a nurse, always answers questions about the beneficiary's health status and functioning for long-term care facility interviews.
- 2 IADL stands for Instrumental Activity of Daily Living.
- 3 ADL stands for Activity of Daily Living.

Table 6.4 Self-Reported Health Conditions and Risk Factors of Medicare Beneficiaries, by HMO Status, 1997²

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Beneficiaries as a Percent of Column Total				
Chronic Conditions				
None	12.18	11.52	12.73	14.20
	0.34	0.41	0.69	0.92
One	17.64	18.07	15.84	19.13
	0.34	0.42	0.54	0.82
Two or more	70.17	70.41	71.43	66.66
	0.46	0.56	0.94	1.16
Disease/Condition				
Hypertension	51.60	51.73	51.46	51.25
	0.44	0.60	0.82	1.36
Diabetes	15.87	15.53	16.80	15.64
	0.31	0.42	0.62	0.70
Arthritis	54.16	53.44	55.76	54.38
	0.44	0.65	0.95	1.24
Osteoporosis/broken hip	14.21	14.73	14.62	10.98
	0.29	0.36	0.54	0.71
Pulmonary disease	14.35	13.79	16.60	12.59
	0.31	0.49	0.61	0.74
Stroke	11.09	11.22	11.46	9.80
	0.23	0.28	0.61	0.64
Alzheimer's disease	4.68	5.04	5.00	2.40
	0.15	0.21	0.26	0.26
Parkinson's disease	1.76	1.76	1.99	1.35
	0.10	0.14	0.23	0.28
Skin cancer	15.77	15.77	15.52	16.30
	0.31	0.37	0.74	0.83
Other type of cancer	16.34	16.62	16.11	15.46
	0.37	0.49	0.64	0.92
Urinary Incontinence	21.13	21.00	22.09	19.88
	0.37	0.52	0.76	0.72

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Beneficiaries as a Percent of Column Total				
Smokers				
Never smoked	41.51	41.06	44.40	38.02
	<i>0.42</i>	<i>0.59</i>	<i>0.83</i>	<i>0.99</i>
Former smoker	43.82	44.28	40.20	48.65
	<i>0.38</i>	<i>0.55</i>	<i>0.83</i>	<i>0.90</i>
Current smoker	14.67	14.66	15.41	13.32
	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.64</i>	<i>0.69</i>

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- 2 Due to changes in the Facility Questionnaire data pertaining to **Mental Disorder**, **Flu Shot**, **Heart disease** and **Pneumonia Shot** are no longer available for beneficiaries living in a long-term care facility. Also, other facility data may not match 1996 data to slight changes in the wording of several questions.