

Prescription Drugs

(See also: [Health and Long Term Care Costs](#))

Recent public policy focus on reform of the Medicare program has increased interest in expanding its benefits to include prescription drugs. Pharmaceutical treatments for acute and chronic health conditions have contributed to better quality of living and extended life spans for older adults. They have, however, increased household expenditures for prescription drugs at a rate far exceeding the cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for persons living on fixed income sources of income including annuities, pensions and Social Security. The links below lead to information sites on issues related to the development of new drugs and their safety, the danger of side effects in multiple prescriptions, the retail cost of proprietary and generic drugs, and various proposed changes in insurance benefits covering their purchase.

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- [Professional Organizations and Practice](#)
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Consumer Information on Drug Effectiveness and Costs

Where to Look for Drug Information on the Internet

(Association of College and University Libraries)

http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ACRL/Publications/College_and_Research_Libraries_News/Back_Issues_2001/July_August2/Drug_Information.htm

Consumer Drug Information

(U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/consumerinfo/default.htm>

Over the Counter Drugs

(U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/offices/otc/default.htm>

Over-the-Counter and Prescription Drugs

(American Geriatrics Society)

<http://www.americangeriatrics.org/education/forum/otcdrug.shtml>

Help Paying for Prescription Drugs

(Medicare Rights Center)

<http://www.medicarerights.org/rxframeset.html>

Drug Information – Medline Plus

(National Library of Medicine)

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html>

Making Your Medications Work Better

(American Pharmaceutical Association)

http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/health/makemeds-workbetr/makemeds-workbetr.htm

Patient Information

(Clinical Trials.com)

<http://www.clinicaltrials.com/trials/patientsvc.asp>

Consumer Information on Prescription Safety and Addiction**Managing Your Medication Supply**

(National Jewish Medical and Research Center)

<http://www.njc.org/medfacts/medication.html>

Use Medicine Safely

(U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

<http://www.fda.gov/opacom/lowlit/medsafe.html>

Prescription Drug Safety – You and Your Medicine

(National Council on Aging)

<http://206.112.84.147/content.cfm?sectionID=109&detail=164>

Check Up on Your Prescriptions

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/wiseuse/>

Medicines: Use Them Wisely

(National Institute on Aging)

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/health/agepages/medicine.htm>

Tips for Seniors on Safe Medicine Use

(Council on Family Health)

<http://www.cfhinfo.org/PDFs/med2.pdf>

Prescription Drugs

(National Institute on Drug Abuse)

<http://165.112.78.61/DrugPages/Prescription.html>

Buying Medicines and Medical Products On-Line

(U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

<http://www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline/default.htm>

Medicare Beneficiaries and Internet Pharmacies

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/Pdf/2049fina.pdf>

Drug Interactions: What You Should Know

(Council on Family Health)

<http://www.cfhinfo.org/educationResources/drug.html>

Prescription Drugs - Abuse and Addiction

(National Institute on Drug Abuse)

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/ResearchReports/Prescription/Prescription.html>

Prescription Drug Use and Abuse

(U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/2001/501_drug.html

Medicines and Older Adults

(U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

<http://www.fda.gov/opacom/lowlit/medold.html>

Alcohol, Medication and Older Adults

(U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration)

http://pathwayscourses.samhsa.gov/samhsa_pathways/courses/aaac_intro.htm

Alcohol, Medications and Aging

(American Society for Aging)

<http://www.asaging.org/alcohol-shocked/adinstruct.html>

Is There An “Anti Aging” Medicine

(International Longevity Center)

<http://www.ilcusa.org/lib/pdf/pr20011101.pdf>

Current Government Programs for Low-Income Older Adults

Prescription Drug Assistance Programs

(Medicare.gov)

<http://www.medicare.gov/Prescription/home.asp>

FAQ - TRICARE for Life - Senior Pharmacy Program

(Department of Defense)

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa/faq.cfm>

TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program – Prescription Drugs, Who Pays?

(Department of Defense)

http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/matrix_april182002_c.html

Office of Pharmacy Affairs

(Health Resources and Services Administration)

<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/opa/>

National Views of State Pharmaceutical Drug Assistance Programs

Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (2003)

(National Conference of State Legislatures)

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/drugaid.htm>

State-by-State, Plan-by-Plan List of Pharmacy Assistance Programs (May 2002)

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/departments/2002/money/0510_money_1.html

Using Medicaid Waivers for Pharmaceutical Benefits to Seniors

(National Governors Association)

http://www.nga.org/center/divisions/1,1188,C_ISSUE_BRIEF%5ED_3340,00.html

State Senior Pharmacy Subsidy Proposals, 2001-2002

(National Conference of State Legislatures)

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/drugaid01.htm>

Prescription Drug Discount, Bulk Purchasing, and Price Control Legislation

(National Conference of State Legislatures)

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/drugdisc02.htm>

State Pharmaceutical Programs (2001)

(National Governor's Association)

<http://www.nga.org/cda/files/STATEPHARM.pdf>

State Pharmacy Assistance Programs: Alternative Approaches to Program Design (2002)

(Commonwealth Foundation)

http://www.cmwf.org/programs/medfutur/fox_statepharmacy_530.pdf

Three States' Approaches to Pharmaceutical Assistance: A Guide for the Perplexed (2002)

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/2002_08_pharm.html

State Pharmacy Assistance Programs 2001: An Array of Approaches

(AARP Public Policy Institute)

http://research.aarp.org/health/ib50_spap.html

State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs Continue to Grow (2001)

(Health Insurance Association of America)

<http://membership.hiaa.org/pdfs/000918PharmaceuticalReport.pdf>

States Seek to Lower Drug Prices for Seniors (2000)

(Center for Policy Alternatives)

<http://www.cfpa.org/alternatives/altbodyID.cfm?ID=233>

State Prescription Drug Program Sites

Alabama

SeniorRx Prescription Drug Assistance Program for Older Citizens

(Alabama Department of Senior Citizens)

<http://www.adss.state.al.us/seniorrx.htm>

Alaska

No program at this time

Arizona

Arizona Discount Drug Program for Seniors and the Uninsured

(AZRX.com)

<http://www.azrx.org/index.cfm>

Prescription Drug Coverage – SB 1118 (2001)

(Arizona House of Representatives)

http://www.azleg.state.az.us/legtext/45leg/1r/summary/h.sb1118_5-07-01_astransmittedtogovernor.doc.htm

Arkansas

No program at this time

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits:

A Survey of Registered Voters Age 50+ in Arkansas

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/ar_benefits.html

California

Prescription Drug Discount Program for Medicare Recipients

(California Department of Health Services)

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs/mcpd/MBB/contracting/sb393/index.htm>

New Prescription Drug Discount Program for Medicare Recipients

(California Board of Pharmacy)

http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/medicare_discount.htm

Colorado

No program at this time

AARP Colorado Member Opinion Survey: Prescription Drugs December 2002

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/co_rx.html

Connecticut

Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly And The Disabled Program

(Connecticut Department of Social Services)

http://www.dss.state.ct.us/pubs/connpace_brochure_en.pdf

Delaware

Delaware Prescription Assistance Program

(Delaware Division of Social Services)

<http://www.state.de.us/dhss/dss/prescription.html>

Florida

Silver SaveRx

(My Florida)

<http://www.floridahealthstat.com/silversaver.shtml>

Senior Prescription Affordability Act

(Florida Health Stat)

<http://www.floridahealthstat.com/x-rxaffordability.shtml>

Illinois

Pharmaceutical Assistance in Illinois

(Illinois Department on Aging)

<http://www.state.il.us/aging/3hot/pharm-assist.htm>

Indiana

Hoosier RX

(Indiana Family and Social Services Administration)

<http://www.state.in.us/fssa/rxprogram/rxhome.htm>

Iowa

Iowa Priority Prescription Savings Program

(Iowa Priority Prescription Drug Corporation)

<http://www.iowapriority.org/newsrelease-today.asp>

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits:

A Survey of Registered Voters Age 50+ in Iowa

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/ia_benefits.html

Kansas

Kansas Senior Pharmacy Assistance Program

(Kansas Department on Aging)

<http://www.agingkansas.org/kdoa/programs/pharmassistprog.htm>

Maine

Healthy Maine Prescriptions

(Maine Bureau of Medical Services)

<http://www.state.me.us/bms/hmpwebsite/index.html>

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits:

A Survey of Registered Voters Age 50+ in Maine

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/me_benefits.html

Maryland

Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program

(Maryland Department of Health and Mental Health)

<http://www.dhmf.state.md.us/mma/mpap/>

Crisis in Senior Prescription Drug Care – House Joint Resolution

(Maryland General Assembly)

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2001rs/bills/hj/hj0010f.rtf>

Massachusetts

Prescription Advantage Program

(Health Care for All)

http://www.hcfama.org/hcfa_contents.php3?fldID=166

Michigan

Michigan Elder Prescription Insurance Coverage

(First Health Services Corporation)

<http://www.miepic.com/about.asp>

Minnesota

Minnesota's Prescription Drug Program

(Minnesota Department of Human Services)

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/HealthCare/asstprog/prescription_drugs.htm

Michigan

AARP Michigan Prescription Drug Survey (August 2002)

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/mi_rx.html

Missouri

Missouri Senior Rx Program

<http://www.missouriseniorx.com/>

Missouri Senior Rx Program

(St. Louis Senior Circuit)

http://www.todaysseniors.com/of_interest/rx.shtml

Nebraska

Nebraska AARP Prescription Drug Survey (July 2002)

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/ne_rx.html

New Hampshire

Registered Mail-Order/Internet/Non-Resident Pharmacies

(State of New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy)

<http://www.state.nh.us/pharmacy/Mail-Order.html>

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits:

A Survey of Registered Voters Age 50+ in New Hampshire

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/nh_benefits.html

New Mexico

New Mexico Prescription Drug Outreach Program:

Finding A Niche That Fits

(New Mexico State Agency on Aging)

<http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/silvertips/silvertips-drugs.pdf>

Nevada

Medicines for a Health Nevada

(Senior Rx)

<http://www.nevadaseniorr.com/>

New Jersey

The Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (PAAD)

(Department of Health and Senior Services)

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/seniorbenefits/paadapp.htm>

New York

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program

(Department of Health)

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/epic/faq.htm>

North Carolina

Resources for Assistance with Pharmaceutical Drugs

(North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/drugs.htm>

Making Prescription Drugs More Affordable for Older Adults:

An Update for North Carolina (March 2001)

(Division of Facility Services)

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://facility-services.state.nc.us/predrug.pdf>

North Dakota

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits:

A Survey of Registered Voters Age 50+ in South Dakota

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/sd_benefits.html

Oregon

AARP Oregon Prescription Drug Survey (November 2002)
(AARP Public Policy Institute)
http://research.aarp.org/health/or_rx.html

Pennsylvania

Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE)
(Department of Aging)
<http://www.aging.state.pa.us/aging/cwp/view.asp?a=293&Q=173876>

Prescriptions and Your Pocketbook: An AARP Pennsylvania Study (November 2002)
(Public Policy Institute, AARP)
http://research.aarp.org/health/pa_rx.html

South Carolina

Silver Card – South Carolina Seniors' Prescription Drug Program
(Silver Card.com)
<http://www.silverxcard.com/>

South Dakota

No program at this time

Affordable Prescription Drugs: A Survey of South Dakota Members (September 2002)
(Public Policy Institute, AARP)
http://research.aarp.org/health/sd_rx.html

Tennessee

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits:
A Survey of Registered Voters Age 50+ in Tennessee
(Public Policy Institute, AARP)
http://research.aarp.org/health/tn_benefits.html

Texas

Affording Prescription Drugs: A Survey of Texas Members
(Public Policy Institute, AARP)
http://research.aarp.org/health/tx_rx.html

Vermont

Vermont Pharmacy Discount Program

(Vermont Department of Prevention, Assistance, Transition and Health Access)

<http://www.dsw.state.vt.us/districts/ovha/ovha48.htm>

Washington

Why State's Prescription Drug Bill Died

(Seattle PI.com)

http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/64719_druglobby01.shtml

AARP Washington Prescription Drug Survey December 2002

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/wa_rx.html

West Virginia

Golden Mountaineer Discount Card

(West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services)

http://www.state.wv.us/seniorservices/wvboss_article.cfm?atl=FB618522-BBD8-11D5-92170020781CA4C6

West Virginia Prescription Drug Survey: An AARP Survey August 2002

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/wv_rx.html

Pharmaceutical Manufacturer Programs for Low Income

Prescription Drug Assistance

(U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.medicare.gov/Prescription/Home.asp>

Helping Patients.Org (Drug Company Assistance Programs)

(Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America)

<http://www.helpingpatients.org/>

RxAssist

(Robert Wood Johnson Foundation)

<http://www.rxassist.org/default.cfm>

Benefits CheckupRX

(Benefits Checkup)

http://www.benefitscheckuprx.com/before_you_start.cfm?screen=BenefitsCheckUpRx

Needy Meds

<http://www.needymeds.com/>

Federal Executive Branch Reform Proposals

The President's Framework to Strengthen Medicare

(The White House)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/07/medicare.html>

Medicare Rx Discount Card (2001)

(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2001pres/20010712a.html>

Securing the Benefits of Medical Innovation for Seniors: The Role of Prescription Drugs and Drug Coverage (July 2002)

(Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation)

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/health/reports/medicalinnovation/>

HHS Releases Final Regulation on Medicare-Endorsed Prescription Drug Card Initiative (August 2002)

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://cms.hhs.gov/media/press/release.asp?Counter=486>

Report to the President - Prescription Drug Coverage, Spending, Utilization, and Prices (April 2000)

(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/health/reports/drugstudy/index.htm>

Congressional Legislation and Hearings on Prescription Drugs

Prescription Drug Proposed Legislation – 107th Congress

(First Gov for Seniors)

<http://www.seniors.gov/legislation/107-proposed.html>

Prescription Drug Legislation Introduced to Congress

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(U.S. Congress)

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Prescription Drug Coverage for Medicare Beneficiaries: A Side-by-Side Comparison of Selected Proposals (July 2003)

(Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.kff.org/content/2003/6095/>

The Current Medicare Prescription Drug Debate: Briefing Charts (July 2003)

(Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.kff.org/content/2003/6096/>

Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Prescription Drugs: What Are The Consequences? Hearing, July 2003

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://www.aging.senate.gov/index.cfm?Fuseaction=Hearings.Detail&HearingID=26>

The Medicare Challenge: It's Not Just About Prescription Drugs (March 2003)

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://www.senate.gov/~aging/hr97.htm>

Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare's Fiscal Challenges

Testimony before the Committee on Ways and Means

U.S. House of Representatives April 9, 2003

(Congressional Budget Office)

<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=4159&sequence=0&from=7>

Medicare: Observations on Program Sustainability and Strategies to Control Spending on Any Proposed Drug Benefit GAO-03-650T April 9, 2003

(U.S. General Accounting Office)

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d03650thigh.pdf>

Full Text: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d03650t.pdf>

Buyer Beware: Public Health Concerns of Counterfeit Medicine

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://aging.senate.gov/events/070902.html>

The Right Medicine? Examining the Breaux-Frist Prescription for Saving Medicare February 8, 2000

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://aging.senate.gov/oas/hr43.htm>

Drugstore Surprise: The Impact of Drug Switching on Older Americans - Hearing July 20, 1999

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://aging.senate.gov/oas/hr36.htm>

High Cost of Prescription Drugs

(U.S. House of Representatives)

<http://bernie.house.gov/bustocanada/>

General Accounting Office Reports and Testimony

Prescription Drugs: FDA Oversight of Direct-to-Consumer Advertising Is Limited. GAO-03-177, October 28, 2002

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-03-177>

Medicare: Challenges Remain in Setting Payments for Medical Equipment and Supplies and Covered Drugs. GAO-02-833T June 12, 2002

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d02833t.pdf>

Medicare Outpatient Drugs: Program Payments Should Better Reflect Market Prices. GAO-02-531T March 14, 2002
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d02531t.pdf>

Prescription Drugs: Prices Available Through Discount Cards and From Other Sources. GAO-02-280R December 5, 2001
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d02280r.pdf>

Medicare: Payments for Covered Outpatient Drugs Exceed Providers' Costs. GAO-01-1118 September 21, 2001
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d011118.pdf>

Drug Safety: Most Drugs Withdrawn in Recent Years Had Greater Health Risks for Women. GAO-01-286R January 19, 2001
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d01286r.pdf>

Prescription Drugs: Drug Company Programs Help Some People Who Lack Coverage. GAO-01-137, November 16, 2000.
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d01137.pdf>

State Pharmacy Programs: Assistance Designed to Target Coverage and Stretch Budgets. HEHS-00-162. 25 pp. plus 1 appendix (1 pp.) September 6, 2000.
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/he00162.pdf>

Prescription Drugs: Many Factors Affected FDA's Approval of Selected 'Pipeline' Drugs. HEHS-00-140 August 10, 2000
<http://www.gao.gov/archive/2000/he00140.pdf>

Prescription Drugs: Expanding Access to Federal Prices Could Cause Other Price Changes. HEHS-00-118 August 7, 2000
<http://www.gao.gov/archive/2000/he00118.pdf>

Prescription Drugs: Adapting Private Sector Management Methods for a Medicare Benefit. T-HEHS-00-112 May 11, 2000
<http://www.gao.gov/archive/2000/he00112t.pdf>

Medigap: Premiums for Standardized Plans that Cover Prescription Drugs. HEHS-00-70R March 1, 2000
<http://archive.gao.gov/pdf/163313.pdf>

Prescription Drugs: Expanding Access to Federal Prices Could Cause Other Price Changes(GAO/HEHS-00-118. 20 pp. August 7, 2000.
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/he00118.pdf>

Prescription Drugs – Increasing Medicare Beneficiary Access and Related Implications (GAO/T-HEHS/AIMD-00-99
<http://www.gao.gov/archive/2000/h100100t.pdf>

Medicare: Considerations for Adding a Prescription Drug Benefit

(GAO/T-HEHS-99-153) June 23, 1999

<http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=he99153t.txt&directory=/diskb/wais/data/gao>

Office of the Inspector General, DHHS

Medicaid Pharmacy - Actual Acquisition Cost of Brand Name Prescription Drug Products (August 10, 2001)

(Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region6/60000023.htm>

Medicare Reimbursement of Prescription Drugs - January, 2001

(Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-03-00-00310.pdf>

HMO Prescription Drug Benefits, Information Available to Beneficiaries on Dollar Limits (OEI-03-00-00430)

(Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-03-00-00430.pdf>

Statistics on Drug Costs and Use

Medicare and Prescription Drug Spending Chartpack (Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.kff.org/content/2003/6087/6087v4.pdf>

Prescription Drug Trends

(Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.kff.org/content/2003/3057-03/3057-03.pdf>

State Medicaid Prescription Drug Expenditures for Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles (April 2003)

(Commonwealth Fund)

http://www.commonwealthfund.org/programs/medfutur/dale_rxdualeligibles_ib_627.pdf

State Medicaid Prescription Drug Expenditures for Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles (April 2003)

(Mathematica Policy Research, Inc)

http://www.cmwf.org/programs/medfutur/dale_rxdualeligibles_ib_627.pdf

Comparison of Medicaid Pharmacy Costs and Usage between the Fee-for-Service and Capitated Setting (January 2003)

(Center for Health Care Strategies and the Lewin Group)

<http://www.quintiles.com/NR/rdonlyres/e7jl6l4t6hgnyegpilfwiiigu3tu7cp6lcykiun3vobyetnvd7jnljyaijjsu5dqno5gfkigsdhrgh/CHCSpharmacy.pdf>

2003 Segal Health Plan Cost Trend Survey (includes prescription drugs)
(Segal Company)
<http://www.segalco.com/publications/surveysandstudies/2003trendsurvey.pdf>

Out of Bounds – Rising Prescription Drug Prices for Seniors (2003)
(Families USA)
http://www.familiesusa.org/site/DocServer/Out_of_Bounds.pdf?docID=1522

The Cost of Prescription Drugs: Who Needs Help? (2000)
(Public Policy Institute, AARP)
http://research.aarp.org/health/fyi_cost.pdf

**CMS Benefit Payments by Major Program Service Categories
Fiscal Year 2000 (includes prescription drugs)**
(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
<http://cms.hhs.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/2002/02pg8.pdf>

**National Medical Care Price Indicators (1982-1984=100)
Average Annual Index (includes prescription drugs)**
(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
<http://cms.hhs.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/2002/02pg17-18.pdf>

**Consumer units with reference person age 65 and over by income before taxes:
Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey,
2000-2001 (includes line for medicine expenditures)**
(U.S. Department of Labor)
<ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/ce/CrossTabs/y0001/AGEbyINC/x65orup.TXT>

Prescription Drug Use Among Persons Age 45+: A Chart Book (2002)
(Public Policy Institute, AARP)
http://research.aarp.org/il/rx_charts_1.html

**Prescription Drug Expenditures in 2001: Another Year of Escalating Costs
(May 2002)**
(National Institute for Health Care Management)
<http://www.nihcm.org/spending2001.pdf>

**Trends In the Costs, Coverage, And Use of Prescription Drugs
by Medicare Beneficiaries (2001)**
(AARP Public Policy Institute)
http://research.aarp.org/health/dd63_trends.html

Prescription Drug Benefits: Cost Management Issues for Medicare - August, 2000
(Public Policy Institute, AARP)
http://research.aarp.org/health/2000_09_cost_1.html

**How Much Are Medicare Beneficiaries Paying Out-of-Pocket
for Prescription Drugs? (1999)**

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/9914_how_much_1.html

Medicare Beneficiaries and Prescription Drug Coverage: Gaps and Barriers (1999)

(AARP Public Policy Institute)

<http://research.aarp.org/health/ib39.html>

Out-of-Pocket Spending on Prescription Drugs by Women and Men Age 65 and Older: 1999 Projections - April, 2000

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/fyi_spending.html

Prescription Drug Trends: 1990 – 2000

(Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.kff.org/content/2001/20011129a/Rxdrugfinalchartpack.pdf>

Prescription Drug Prices for the Elderly - September 1998

(Monthly Labor Review On-Line)

<http://stats.bls.gov/pub/mlr/1998/09/art3exc.htm>

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