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Quick Facts & Stats

Use of Preventive Services by Medicare Beneficiaries

Use of blood pressure and cholesterol screening by Medicare beneficiaries was high in 2001, but only 33% of beneficiaries received all covered preventive services that year. Men were more likely than women (18% vs. 11%) to use preventive services, high-income elderly patients more likely than low-income (20% vs. 13%), and whites more likely than African-Americans. Those in excellent health were less likely than those with poor health status (11% vs. 15%) to use preventive services.¹

66%

of Medicare beneficiaries did *not* receive all 7 covered preventive services in 2001¹

36%

received a Pap smear¹

70%

received a PSA test¹

54%

received a digital rectal exam¹

65%

received pneumonia vaccine¹

62%

received an eye exam¹

68%

received a flu shot¹

95% and 83%

received blood pressure screening and a cholesterol test,¹ respectively

17%

of those with arteriosclerosis received 7 preventive services¹

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times more likely are Medicare beneficiaries with supplemental coverage to receive preventive services²

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