

The Medicare Advantage program: bids and availability

ISSUE: The new bidding process for Medicare Advantage plans has resulted in widespread availability for a variety of plans

KEY POINTS: MA plan offerings and bids for 2006 are now available.

- MA plans will be more widely available than in the past
- In general, beneficiaries will have more choices available
- Regional PPOs will be available to most beneficiaries
- Plans that include the Part D drug benefit will be widely available

ACTION: Staff will summarize some findings from plan bidding. Commissioners will discuss findings, comment on and suggest further analyses.

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