

Encouraging the use of lower-cost medications by beneficiaries receiving Part D's low-income subsidy

ISSUE: Medicare's Part D program costs have been growing much faster than the economy. Some components, such as payments for low-income subsidy (LIS) and reinsurance for beneficiaries with high drug spending, are growing much faster than other components of Part D spending.

KEY POINTS: We will revisit key findings from our analysis of the medication use by LIS beneficiaries.

ACTION: Commissioners should discuss the Chairman's draft LIS cost-sharing recommendation that will be presented at the meeting.

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