

The next generation of Medicare beneficiaries

ISSUE: The number of Medicare beneficiaries will grow by over 50 percent in the next fifteen years, resulting in a change in the demographics, health status and financial resources of the average Medicare beneficiary.

KEY POINTS: As they retire, the baby-boom generation will increase the number of Medicare beneficiaries, changing the age profile and demographic makeup of the population.

ACTION: Commissioners should review the material and be prepared to discuss its contents.

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