

HHS Secretary Sebelius recently announced great news for Medicare beneficiaries in the Medicare Advantage program. She announced:

Seniors on Medicare Advantage Plans will see an average reduction in their premium of 7% this year. Average premiums will fall from \$33.97 in 2011 to \$31.54 in 2012.

Seniors have virtually the same access to Medicare Advantage Plans as they did before passage of the Affordable Care Act.

More seniors than ever are using Medicare Advantage. Enrollment in Medicare Advantage is up 10 percent- rising from 11.7 million in 2011 to 12.8 million in 2012.

In total, since the Affordable Care Act become law in 2010, Medicare Advantage premiums have fallen by 16 percent and enrollment has climbed by 17 percent.

Thanks to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, seniors have the same access to Medicare Advantage plans, and lower costs than ever. Here's to a happy and healthy you!