Medicare beneficiaries spend a lot of their own money on health care.

Beneficiaries in Original Medicare spent an average of $5,680 on health care in 2013. Half of all beneficiaries spent at least 17% of their income on their health.

### WHERE DOES THEIR HEALTH CARE MONEY GO?

Breakdown of the $5,680 spent on health care by the average Medicare beneficiary, in 2013:

- **Premiums**: $2,594
- **Long-Term Care Facilities**: $1,003
- **Doctor Visits**: $719
- **Drugs**: $564
- **Dental Care**: $313
- **Hospital Care**: $243
- **Other**: $244

### MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES IN FAIR OR POOR HEALTH

Spent an average of $6,427 on health care

- % in fair or poor health, by race/ethnicity:
  - Hispanic: 56%
  - African American: 38%
  - White: 25%

### MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES AGE 85 AND UP

Spent an average of $10,963 on health care

- (more than twice as much as those 65 to 69)
- Half spent at least 30% of their income on health care
  - (compared to 12% for those 65 to 69)

### 10% OF MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Spent $10,850+ on health care

- Of the beneficiaries in this group:
  - 34% were in a long-term care facility
  - 29% were 85 and older
  - 95% had supplemental coverage
  - 33% were admitted to a hospital

### COMPARISON WITH OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

in 2013

- **Home**: $14,204
- **Transportation**: $6,760
- **Health Care**: $5,680
- **Food**: $5,191

Data source for healthcare spending: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, 2013 Cost and Use File. Beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage were excluded. Data source for other household expenses: 2013 Consumer Expenditure Survey. The figures are for consumer units (CUs) where the head of household was 65 & older.