

# FACT SHEET

## EC HealthNet Medicare Coverage Demographics

Medicare is the primary health insurance program for people aged 65 and older and those with certain disabilities. Medicare coverage provides for acute hospital care, physician services, brief stays in skilled nursing facilities, and short-term skilled home care related to a medical problem. Medicare coverage is determined by the nature of services required by the patient, not the specific diagnosis. Coverage is restricted to medical care, and does not include prescription drugs or custodial care at home or in nursing homes.

Medicare enrollment rates are presented in the table below for each of the four counties in the EC HealthNet region. The enrollment data combines persons covered by Part A (*i.e.*, hospital insurance) and Part B (*i.e.*, supplemental medical insurance), without duplication. Additionally, coverage is further organized by type of enrollee (aged 65 years or older, or disabled); by marital status; and by level of household income.

**Table 1. Medicare Enrollment by Type, Marital Status, and Household Income**

	Clarke	Kemper	Neshoba	Newton
<b>Population</b>	17746	10435	29134	22044
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	3332	1699	3912	4773
%enrolled	18.8%	16.3%	13.4%	21.7%
<i>by type</i>				
<b>Aged</b>	2597	1349	3033	3743
<b>Disabled</b>	735	350	879	1030
<i>by marital status</i>				
<b>Married</b>	1699	866	1995	2434
<b>Widowed</b>	1033	527	1213	1480
<b>Divorced/Sep.</b>	333	170	391	477
<b>Single</b>	267	136	313	382
<i>by household income</i>				
<b>&lt;\$10,000</b>	900	459	1056	1289
<b>\$10001-\$20000</b>	966	493	1134	1384
<b>\$20001-\$30000</b>	600	306	704	859
<b>&gt;\$30,000</b>	866	442	1017	1241

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Kaiser Family Foundation, Mississippi Employment Security Commission. Coverage by marital status and household income imputed from 1999 Medicare statistics.