

Part D Plans with Lowest Premiums Have Preferred Pharmacy Networks

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) offering the lowest average monthly premiums in 2013 feature preferred pharmacy networks, according to an analysis conducted by Avalere Health for the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA). According to the analysis:

- A plan with a preferred pharmacy network offers the lowest average monthly premium of any Medicare PDP (\$15).
- The five Medicare PDPs with the lowest average monthly premiums have preferred pharmacy networks.
- Seven out of the top ten Medicare PDPs with the lowest average premiums and national or near-national status have preferred pharmacy networks.¹

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans with Lowest Average Monthly Premiums in 2013¹

Rank	Plan Name	Average Monthly Premium ²	Preferred Pharmacy Network
1	AARP MedicareRx Saver Plus (PDP)	\$15.00	✓
2	Humana Walmart-Preferred Rx Plan (PDP)	\$18.50	✓
3	SilverScript Choice (PDP)	\$29.10	✓
4	First Health Part D Value Plus (PDP)	\$29.48	✓
5	Aetna CVS/Pharmacy Prescription Drug Plan (PDP)	\$30.91	✓
6	SilverScript Basic (PDP)	\$33.05	
7	EnvisionRxPlus Silver (PDP)	\$33.07	
8	WellCare Classic (PDP)	\$33.45	
9	SmartD Rx Saver (PDP)	\$33.91	✓
10	United American - Select (PDP)	\$33.93	✓

Source: Avalere Health analysis of the 2013 CMS landscape file. Additionally, Avalere used the June 2013 enrollment file (which reflects plan-level enrollment through May 10, 2013) to calculate the enrollment-weighted average premiums.

¹ Including plans with national or near-national status. CMS defines a national plan as one with offerings in all 34 PDP regions. In this analysis, Avalere also includes those plans with near-national status in having offerings in approximately 30 or more PDP regions.

² Premiums for Part D plans can vary by region. Average 2013 plan premiums have been weighted by May 2013 enrollment.