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**TO:** Medicare Advantage & Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors and Certifying Actuaries  
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**SUBJECT:** Early Preview – CY2019 Medicare Advantage Ratebook Growth Rates

On November 21, 2017, CMS published in the *Federal Register* the calendar year (CY) 2018 Part A and Part B premiums. Supporting the CY 2018 premium determinations are the underlying estimates of the United States Per Capita Cost (USPCC) for beneficiaries entitled to Part A and/or enrolled in Part B. Based on these estimates, the projected early preview of the CY 2019 ratebook growth rates for non-ESRD beneficiaries is 5.14 percent for total USPCC and 4.29 percent for fee-for-service (FFS) USPCC. Table 1 illustrates the calculation of these growth rates, and Tables 2 and 3 illustrate the year-by-year USPCCs relative to the estimate in the Announcement of the CY 2018 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates.

These estimates are preliminary and could change when the final rates are published on April 2, 2018 in the Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Medicare Advantage and Part D Payment Policies. In addition, a preliminary estimate of the growth rates will be published in the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for Calendar Year (CY) 2019, which is to be released in accordance with the statute.

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**Table 1. Increase in the USPCC Growth Percentage for CY 2019 – Non-ESRD**

	Total USPCC	FFS USPCC
Current projected 2019 USPCC	\$907.81	\$884.14
Prior projected 2018 USPCC	\$863.39	\$847.73
Percent increase	5.14	4.29

**Table 2. Comparison of Current & Previous Estimates of the Total USGCC – Non-ESRD**

Calendar Year	Part A		Part B		Part A & Part B		
	Current Estimate	Last Year's Estimate	Current Estimate	Last Year's Estimate	Current Estimate	Last Year's Estimate	Ratio
2003	\$296.18	\$296.18	\$247.66	\$247.66	\$543.84	\$543.84	1.000
2004	314.08	314.08	271.06	271.06	585.14	585.14	1.000
2005	334.83	334.83	292.86	292.86	627.69	627.69	1.000
2006	345.30	345.30	313.70	313.70	659.00	659.00	1.000
2007	355.44	355.44	330.68	330.68	686.12	686.12	1.000
2008	371.90	371.90	351.04	351.04	722.94	722.94	1.000
2009	383.91	383.91	367.93	367.93	751.84	751.84	1.000
2010	383.93	383.94	376.82	376.82	760.75	760.76	1.000
2011	386.93	386.94	386.24	386.24	773.17	773.18	1.000
2012	378.94	378.95	392.76	392.77	771.70	771.72	1.000
2013	381.18	381.19	399.47	399.56	780.65	780.75	1.000
2014	371.91	371.71	418.51	418.73	790.42	790.44	1.000
2015	374.38	374.40	435.82	436.25	810.20	810.65	0.999
2016	374.71	374.68	445.72	447.60	820.43	822.28	0.998
2017	379.41	378.11	462.01	462.05	841.42	840.16	1.001
2018	383.52	382.86	482.57	480.53	866.09	863.39	1.003
2019	396.45	396.50	511.36	511.10	907.81	907.60	1.000
2020	414.15	412.63	539.16	538.17	953.31	950.80	1.003
2021	433.41	429.87	570.94	568.68	1,004.35	998.55	1.006

**Table 3. Comparison of Current & Previous Estimates of the FFS USGCC – Non-ESRD**

Calendar Year	Part A		Part B		Part A & Part B		
	Current Estimate	Last Year's Estimate	Current Estimate	Last Year's Estimate	Current Estimate	Last Year's Estimate	Ratio
2010	\$371.17	\$371.17	\$374.91	\$374.91	\$746.08	\$746.08	1.000
2011	370.01	370.01	384.39	384.47	754.40	754.48	1.000
2012	359.17	359.17	391.94	391.94	751.11	751.11	1.000
2013	365.49	365.50	395.73	395.85	761.22	761.35	1.000
2014	366.09	365.80	408.82	409.16	774.91	774.96	1.000
2015	369.88	370.14	429.20	430.15	799.08	800.29	0.998
2016	366.61	367.52	434.81	439.16	801.42	806.68	0.993
2017	369.22	369.28	453.60	455.72	822.82	825.00	0.997
2018	375.25	377.28	469.57	470.45	844.82	847.73	0.997
2019	387.83	390.42	496.31	498.55	884.14	888.97	0.995
2020	404.38	405.85	522.38	524.10	926.76	929.95	0.997
2021	422.61	422.25	552.42	553.06	975.03	975.31	1.000

Part A Notice:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/11/21/2017-24913/medicare-program-cy-2018-inpatient-hospital-deductible-and-hospital-and-extended-care-services>

Part B Notice:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/11/21/2017-24877/medicare-program-medicare-part-b-monthly-actuarial-rates-premium-rates-and-annual-deductible>