

2019 Total Beneficiary Cost (TBC) Information

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Important Note:

For stand-alone prescription drug plans (PDPs), the Total Beneficiary Cost (TBC) is the sum of the plan-specific Part D premium and the estimated beneficiary out-of-pocket costs. The adjusted-year-over-year % change in TBC captures the potential combined financial impact of changes to premium, benefit design, and formulary coverage on plan enrollees. By highlighting these changes, and by making this information publicly available, CMS is providing interested stakeholders another tool to review year-over-year changes between plan offerings specific to a region, across regions, and nationally.

The Part D TBC should only be used as an indicator of changes in premium and estimated drug costs at the plan level, and may not reflect actual changes in costs experienced by an individual enrollee. Rather, an individual enrollee's estimated annual costs, based on their medications can be determined via the Medicare Plan Finder tool available at: <https://www.medicare.gov>.

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