Type of Plan	December 2005		December 2010		March 2012	
	Rural	Total	Rural	Total	Rural	Total
Medicare Advantage	241,706	5,139,794	1,373,225	11,321,900	1,586,074	12,779,425
HMOs/POS	174,789	4,854,212	400,528	7,436,339	523,138	8,495,659
PFFS	63,393	200,614	525,243	1,593,450	231,840	515,617
PPOs and other MA	3,524	84,968	447,454	2,292,111	831,096	3,768,149
Other prepaid plans	105,197	688,231	102,876	408,233	132,834	463,437
TOTAL	346,903	5,933,222	1,476,101	11,730,133	1,718,908	13,242,862
	Percent of Medicare Population		Percent of Medicare Population		Percent of Medicare Population	
Medicare Advantage	3.5%	11.7%	14.0%	24.2%	15.7%	25.9%
HMOs/POS	2.5%	11.0%	4.1%	15.9%	5.2%	17.2%
PFFS	0.9%	0.5%	5.4%	3.4%	2.3%	1.0%
PPOs and other MA	0.1%	0.2%	4.6%	4.9%	8.3%	7.6%
Other prepaid plans	1.5%	1.6%	1.1%	0.9%	1.3%	0.9%
TOTAL	5.0%	13.5%	15.1%	25.1%	17.1%	26.9%

 Table 1. Enrollment in Medicare Advantage and Other Prepaid Plans, by Location of Residence and by Type of Plan, 2005-2012

Source: RUPRI Center for RURAL Health Policy Analysis, based on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data as of March 2012

Note: Excludes enrollment in any county and plan if the plan enrolls 10 or fewer enrollees in that county (due to restrictions on data release by CMS) and excludes enrollees in US territories (due to data incompatabilities with geographic files).

Other prepaid plans include cost plans and demonstration plans. HMO = health maintenance organization; MA = Medicare Advantage; PFFS = private fee-for-service; POS = point of service; PPO = preferred provider organization