Type of Plan	December 2005		December 2010		March 2015	
	Rural	Total	Rural	Total	Rural	Total
Medicare Advantage	241,706	5,139,794	1,373,225	11,321,900	1,904,895	16,033,542
HMOs/POS	174,789	4,854,212	400,528	7,436,339	595,620	10,219,652
PFFS	63,393	200,614	525,243	1,593,450	118,236	256,143
PPOs and other MA	3,524	84,968	447,454	2,292,111	1,191,039	5,557,747
Other prepaid plans	105,197	688,231	102,876	408,233	174,308	619,005
TOTAL	346,903	5,933,222	1,476,101	11,730,133	2,079,203	16,652,547
	Percent of Medicare Population		Percent of Medicare Population		Percent of Medicare Population	
Medicare Advantage	3.5%	11.7%	14.0%	24.2%	19.4%	30.0%
HMOs/POS	2.5%	11.0%	4.1%	15.9%	6.1%	19.1%
PFFS	0.9%	0.5%	5.4%	3.4%	1.2%	0.5%
PPOs and other MA	0.1%	0.2%	4.6%	4.9%	12.2%	10.4%
Other prepaid plans	1.5%	1.6%	1.1%	0.9%	1.8%	1.2%
TOTAL	5.0%	13.5%	15.1%	25.1%	21.2%	31.1%

Table 1. Enrollment in Medicare Advantage and Other Prepaid Plans, by Location of Residence and by Type of Plan, 2005-2015

Source: RUPRI Center for RURAL Health Policy Analysis, based on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data as of March 2015

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