Commonwealth Fund Analysis of CareJourney Claims Data for Traditional Medicare Beneficiaries
Overall, traditional Medicare spending was 7 percent less in 2020 compared to 2019.

Data: Commonwealth Fund analysis of CareJourney traditional Medicare claims data.
Note: Excludes November and December of both years. Similarly, overall spending in 2020 is 7% lower when only Parts A and B are included.
COVID-19 & TELEHEALTH

Compared to 2019, traditional Medicare spending dropped dramatically between March and May of 2020, before returning to previous levels.

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COVID-19 & TELEHEALTH

Traditional Medicare spending decreased more for white beneficiaries and beneficiaries not also enrolled in Medicaid than for other beneficiaries from 2019 to 2020.

Total aggregate traditional Medicare spending by dual eligibility, age, and race/ethnicity, 2019 vs. 2020 (in $ billions)

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<th>2019</th>
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<th>Net change in spending, 2019–20:</th>
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<td>Not dually eligible</td>
<td>$158</td>
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<td>$170</td>
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Traditional Medicare spending decreased most for beneficiaries ages 65–74 between March and April 2020.

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Traditional Medicare spending for dually eligible beneficiaries remained steady throughout 2020, while spending for other beneficiaries plummeted from February to April before returning to prepandemic levels by summer.

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COVID-19 & TELEHEALTH

Inpatient, outpatient, and other Medicare Part B spending decreased in the early months of the pandemic.

Traditional Medicare spending, by service, January-October 2020

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COVID-19 & TELEHEALTH

Traditional Medicare spending for skilled nursing and home health care decreased since the start of the pandemic.

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Traditional Medicare spending declined for many chronic conditions early during the pandemic.

Traditional Medicare spending, by chronic condition, January-October 2020

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Declines in traditional Medicare spending varied across states between 2019 and 2020.

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