COVID-19: Beneficiary Experiences
Comparable proportions of Black, Hispanic, and white Medicare beneficiaries reported forgoing medical care because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Note: Forgone medical care may include urgent care, surgery, diagnostic services, treatment for a prevailing condition, regular check-up, prescription drugs, dental care, vision services, hearing services.
Black Medicare beneficiaries had the longest wait times for COVID-19 test results in summer 2020.

COVID-19: BENEFICIARY EXPERIENCES

The prevalence of COVID-19 was similar to the prevalence of asthma among people in traditional Medicare in 2020.

Prevalence of chronic conditions and COVID-19 among beneficiaries in traditional Medicare, March–December 2020

- Hypertension: 29.8%
- Mental health/Substance abuse: 18.6%
- Diabetes: 15.5%
- CKD: 14.2%
- COPD: 5.4%
- Tobacco: 5.1%
- Cancer: 5.0%
- COVID-19: 2.5%
- Asthma: 2.6%
- HIV/AIDS: 0.2%