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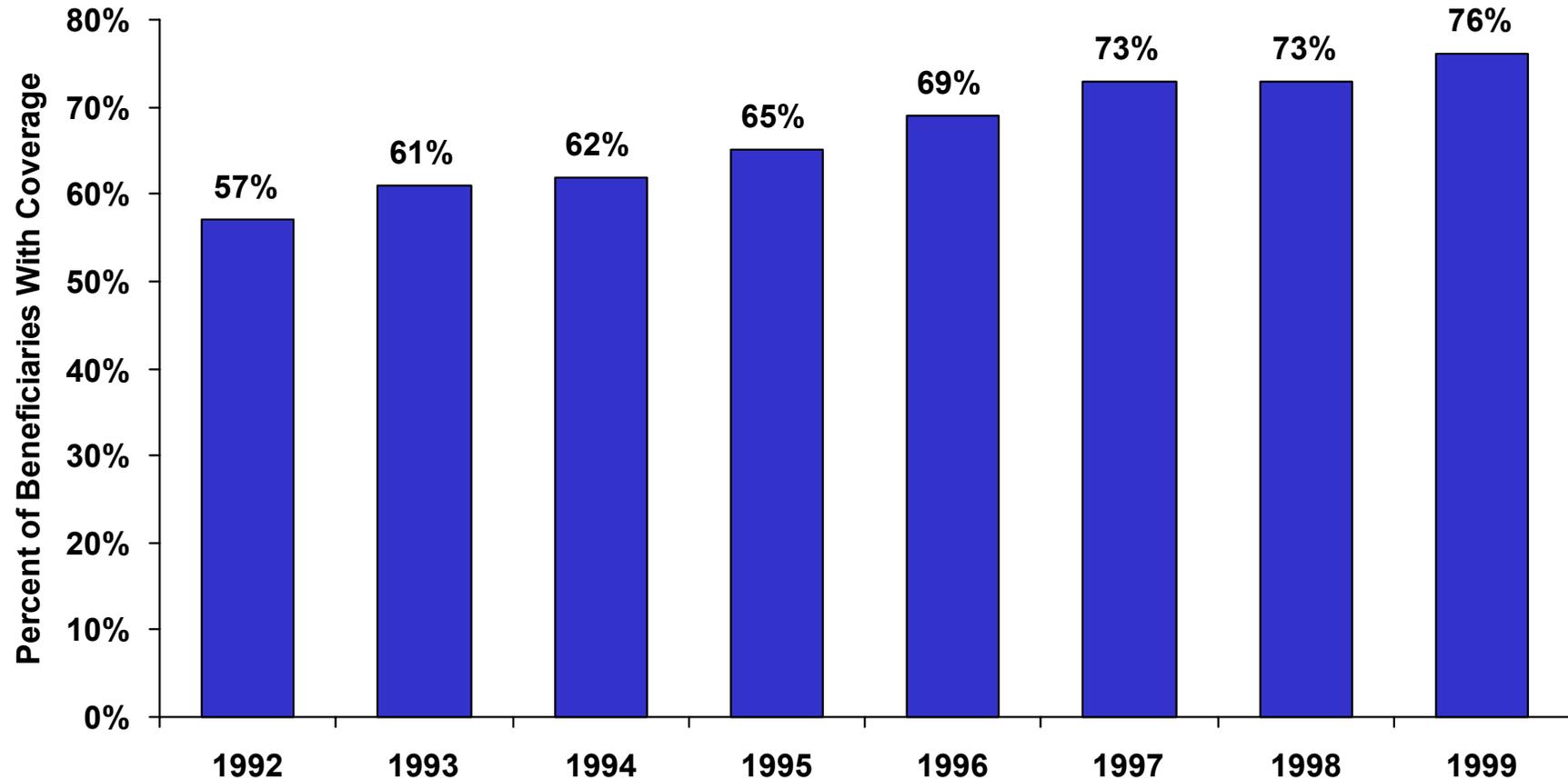
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9. Prescription Drug Coverage

Percent of Medicare Beneficiaries with Prescription Drug Coverage, 1992-1999

About three-quarters of Medicare beneficiaries had prescription drug coverage at some point in 1999.

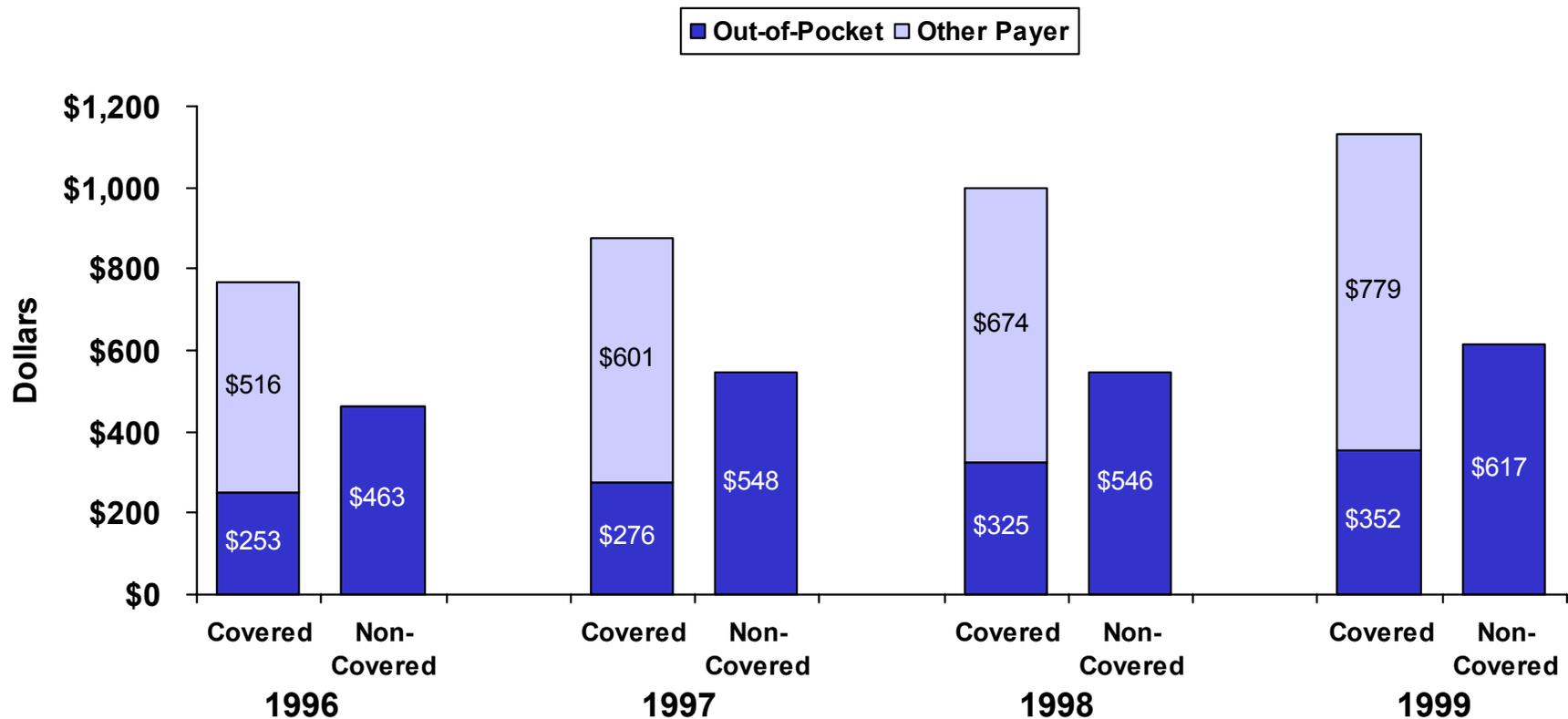


Note: This includes beneficiaries who had some type of drug coverage at any point during the year. Does not include beneficiaries in facility care.

Source: CMS, Office of Research, Development, and Information: Data from the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) 1992-1999 Cost and Use Files.

Total Spending for Prescription Drugs for All Medicare Beneficiaries, 1996-1999

Total spending for drugs was higher for beneficiaries with drug coverage than without; however, non-covered beneficiaries pay substantially more out-of-pocket costs.

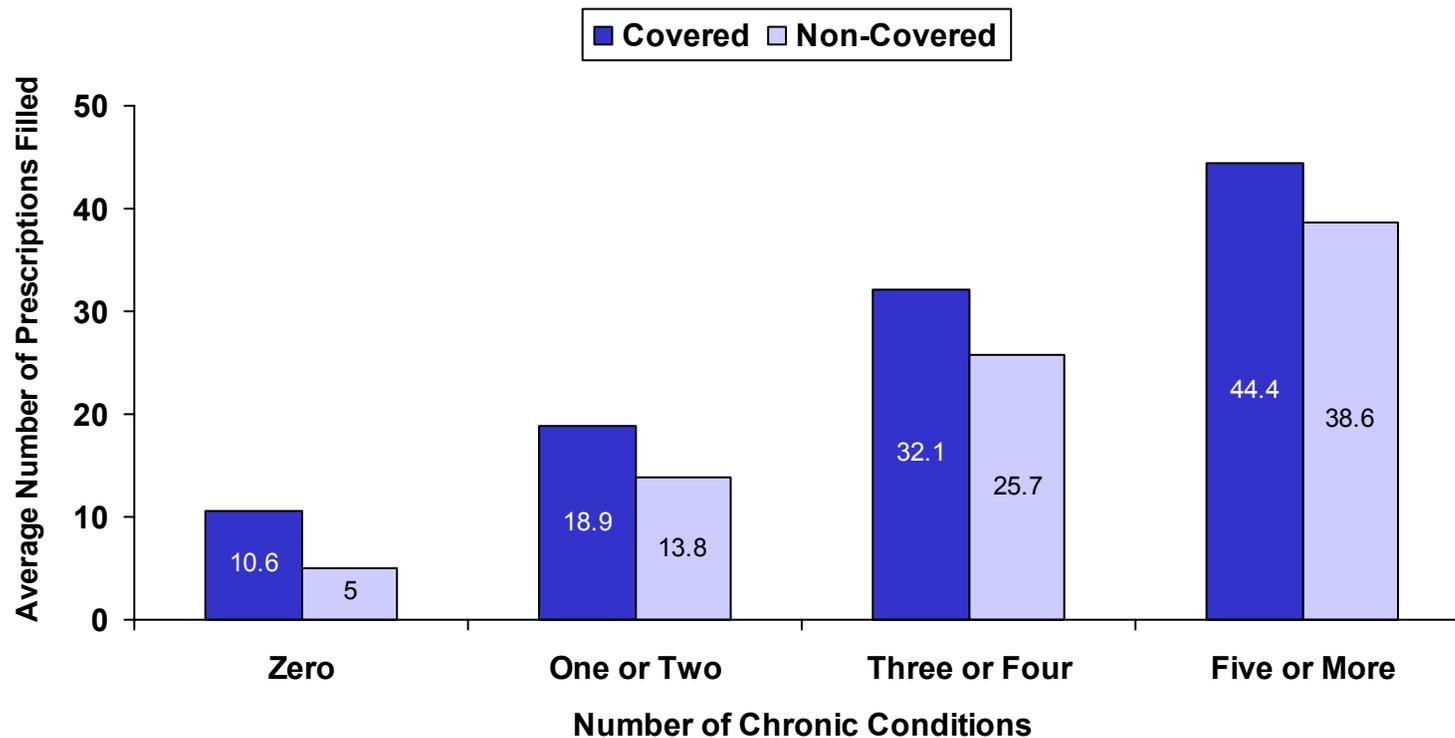


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Average Number of Prescriptions Filled for Beneficiaries With and Without Drug Coverage, by Number of Chronic Conditions, 1999

Beneficiaries with prescription drug coverage fill more prescriptions than those without drug coverage, regardless of the number of chronic conditions they have.

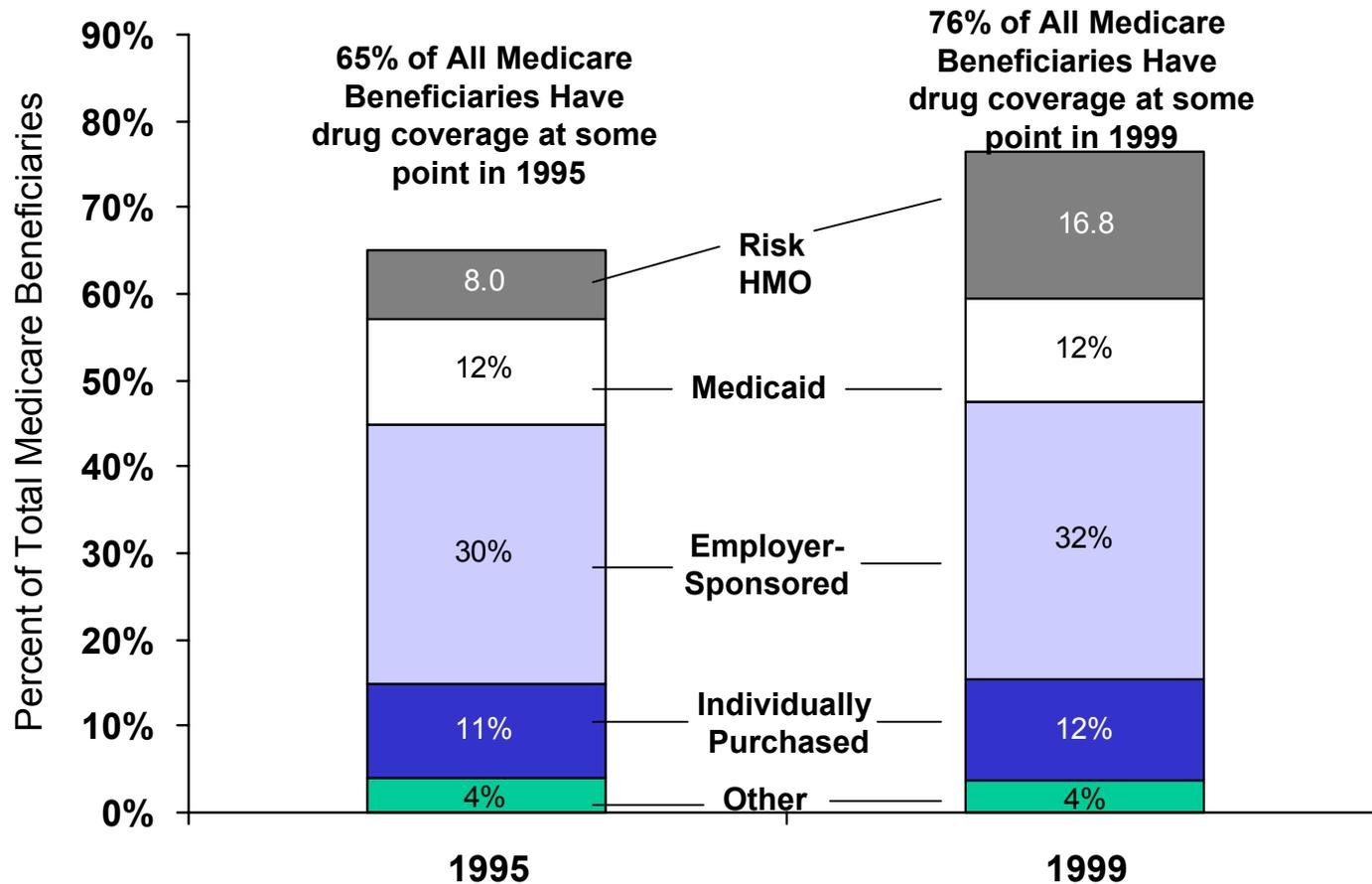


Note: There were 2.4 million covered and 1.1 million non-covered beneficiaries with no chronic conditions. There were 13.4 million covered and 4.5 million non-covered beneficiaries with 1 or 2 chronic conditions. There were 11.3 million covered and 2.9 million non-covered beneficiaries with 3 or 4 chronic conditions. There were 2.0 million covered and 0.4 million non-covered beneficiaries with 5 or more chronic conditions. Does not include beneficiaries in facility care. Does not adjust for underreporting of prescription drugs.

Source: CMS, Office of Research, Development, and Information: Data from the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) 1999 Cost and Use File.

Medicare Beneficiaries With Drug Coverage, by Primary Source of Supplemental Coverage, 1995 and 1998

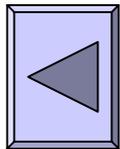
A larger proportion of beneficiaries obtained supplemental drug coverage from a managed care plan between 1995 and 1999.



Note: Does not include beneficiaries in facility care. Percentages shown in bars are Medicare beneficiaries with drug coverage as a percent of total Medicare beneficiaries. Beneficiaries do not necessarily get drug coverage from their primary sources of supplemental insurance.

Source: CMS, Office of Research, Development, and Information. Data are from the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) 1995 and 1999 Cost and Use Files.

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