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## Costs of Alzheimer's to Medicare and Medicaid

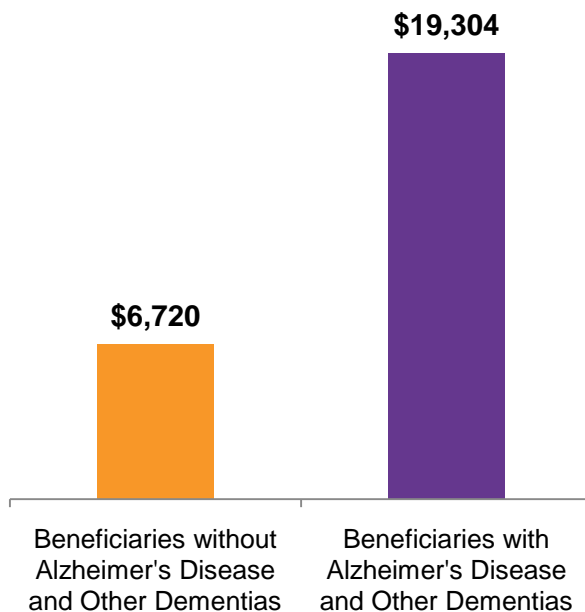
**Individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are high users of health care, long-term care and hospice services.**

- Average annual Medicare payments for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are three times higher than for those without the conditions.
- Medicaid payments for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias are, on average, nine times higher.

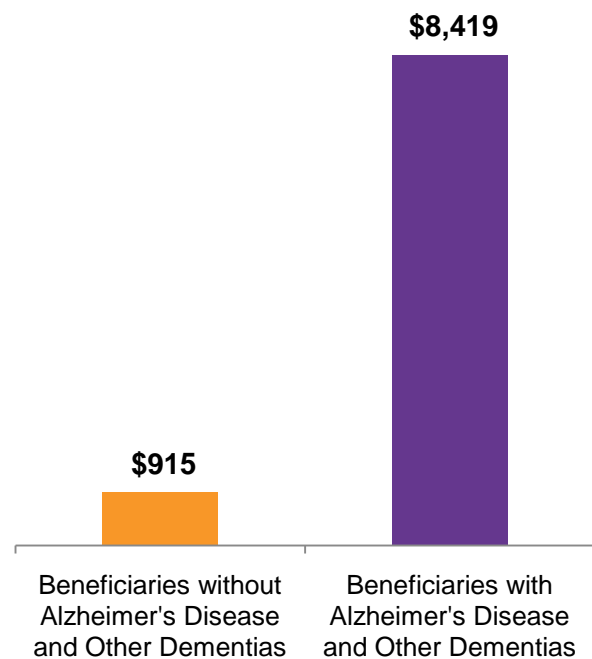
**In 2011, Medicare and Medicaid will spend \$130 billion caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.**

- \$93 billion by the federal government under Medicare.
- \$37 billion by federal and state governments, combined, under the Medicaid program.

**Average Annual Per Person Medicare Payments**



**Average Annual Per Person Medicaid Payments**



**With the aging of the baby boom generation, the number of Americans aged 65 and over with Alzheimer's is expected to dramatically escalate.**

- Today, 5.2 million Americans aged 65 and over are living with Alzheimer's disease.
- By mid-century, that number is expected to reach 13.5 million – and could be as high as 16 million.

**The costs of caring for individuals with Alzheimer's will also expand in lock step – costing Medicare and Medicaid a combined total of \$805 billion (in today's dollars) in 2050.**

- In 2050, Medicare will spend a projected \$627 billion caring for people with Alzheimer's – an increase of nearly 600 percent.
- Medicaid spending on people with Alzheimer's will increase nearly 400 percent, as costs will reach \$178 billion in 2050.

**Alzheimer's Prevalence and Cost to Medicare and Medicaid**

