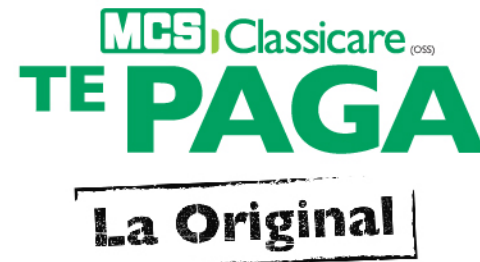
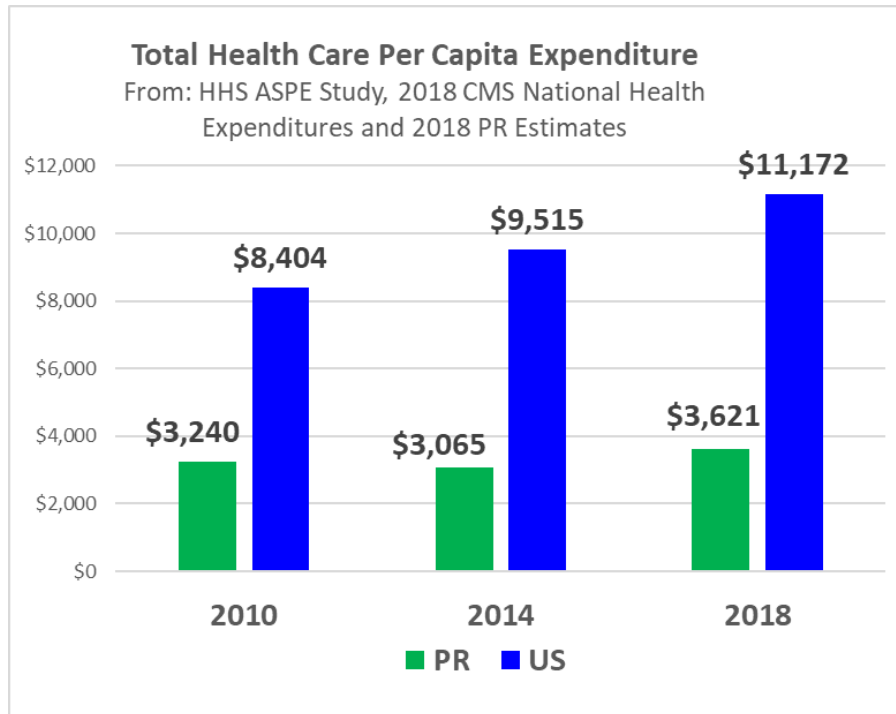


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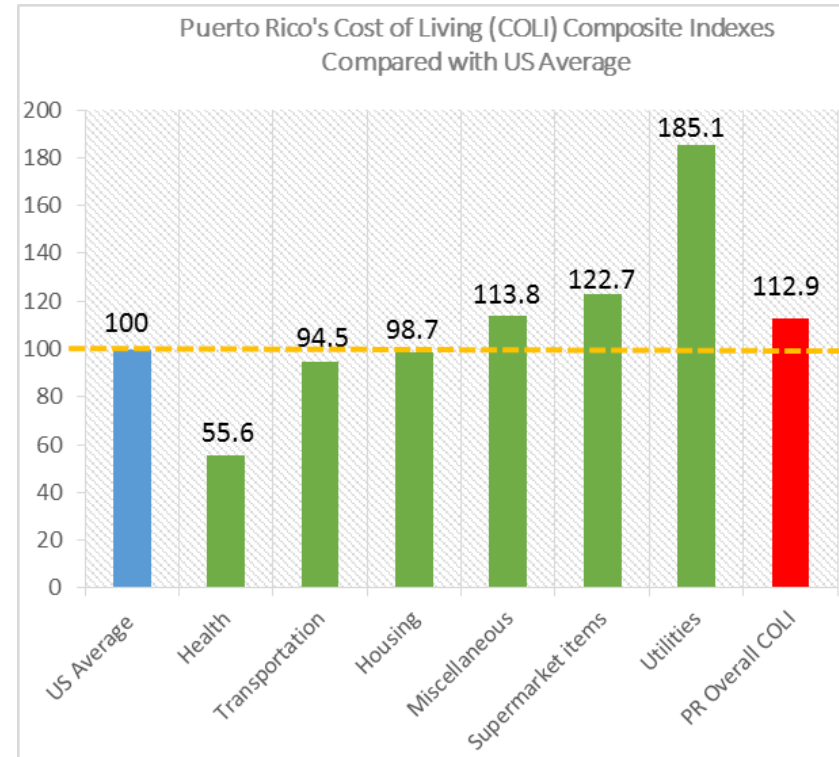


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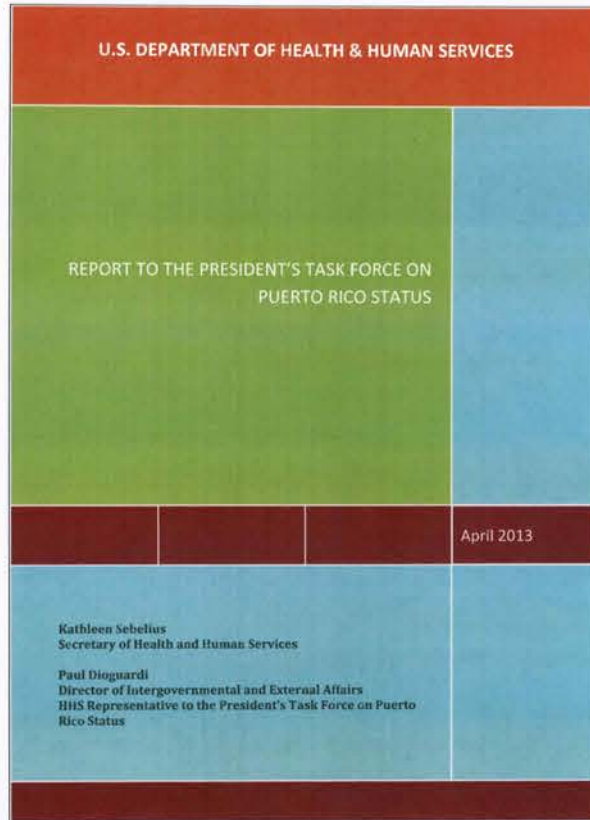


Sources: Department of Health and Human Services, (2010 and 2014 data) Evidence Indicates a Range of Challenges for Puerto Rico Health Care System (2017); Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, NHE Summary Including Share of GDP, 1960-2015.
**2018 Figures added by MMAPA for PR and NHE of CMS for US Average..



Sources: Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) and Instituto de Estadísticas de Puerto Rico, Council for Community and Economic Research, Tercer Trimestre 2016.

Part D Low Income Subsidy



Benefit in PR

- Present ~\$50M
- Used in 280,000 in Medicare Platino (Duals)
- With parity:
- HHH estimated 500,000 could benefit
- Funding could be \$800M+ to cover pharmacy benefits for 500,000 citizens

Table 4. Medicare Populations

Year	Total Medicare Population	Medicare-Medicaid Eligible (Duals) Population	Medicare Part-A only enrolled in MISalud	Population of Interest: Total pop- (Duals+ Part A-Only in MISalud)
2010	659,632	165,648		493,984
2011	687,628	187,946	2596	497,086
2012	710,230	203,259		506,971

Medicare population of interest:

2011 Total Medicare Population – (Dual Eligible+ Part A-only in MISalud) = Universe of Beneficiaries potentially eligible for LIS

$$687,628 - (187,946 + 2596) = 497,086$$

Using Medicare data only, the universe of beneficiaries potentially eligible for LIS is 497,086. This population includes individuals of all income groups and all categories, including persons with disabilities and diseases covered by Medicare regardless of age. Using both data sources, potentially eligible beneficiaries in 2011 could be as many as 400,000 or more. Estimates of potential savings to beneficiaries cannot be made, although in March 2012, SSA estimated Extra Help worth \$4000 in savings per year.²³

U.S. Census Bureau age/income data reveals the critical need for the LIS or other LIS-like support. Approximately 41 percent of persons age 65 and over have incomes below 100% of the FPL but only

²³ Extra Help is a Medicare program to help people with limited income and resources pay Medicare prescription drug costs. <http://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/help-paying-costs/extra-help/level-of-extra-help.html>

Medicaid Parity

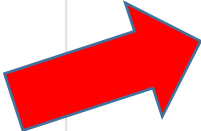
TABLE 5-2. Mandatory and Optional Medicaid Benefits Covered by Puerto Rico, FY 2018

	Mandatory Medicaid benefits	Optional Medicaid benefits
Covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPSDT services for individuals under age 21 • Inpatient hospital services • Laboratory and X-ray services • Medical or surgical services by a dentist • Outpatient hospital services • Physician services • Tobacco cessation for pregnant women • Family planning services • FQHC services • Rural health clinic services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic services • Dental services • Eyeglasses and prosthetics • Outpatient prescription drugs • Physical therapy and related services • Diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services • Inpatient psychiatric hospital services for individuals under age 21 • Inpatient hospital services for individuals age 65 or over in an IMD
Not covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home health services for those entitled to nursing facility services • NEMT • Certified pediatric and family nurse practitioner services • Nurse midwife services • Nursing facility services for individuals age 21 and over • Emergency services for legalized aliens and undocumented aliens • Freestanding birth center services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospice care • Private duty nursing services • Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities • Personal care services • Targeted case management services

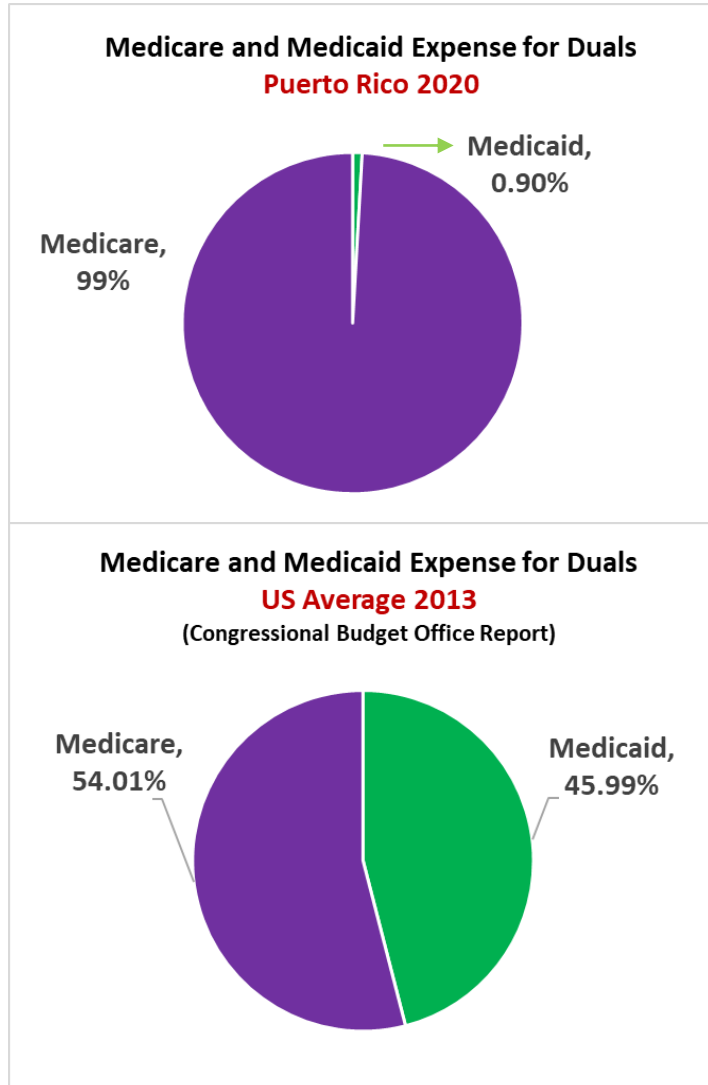
Notes: EPSDT is early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment. FQHC is federally qualified health center. FY is fiscal year. IMD is institution for mental diseases. NEMT is non-emergency medical transportation. Eyeglasses are provided only under the EPSDT benefit.

Source: GAO 2016.

30% of Medicaid
benefits in the
States



... BUT Medicaid BENEFITS Disparity for PR Duals (Elderly+Poor)

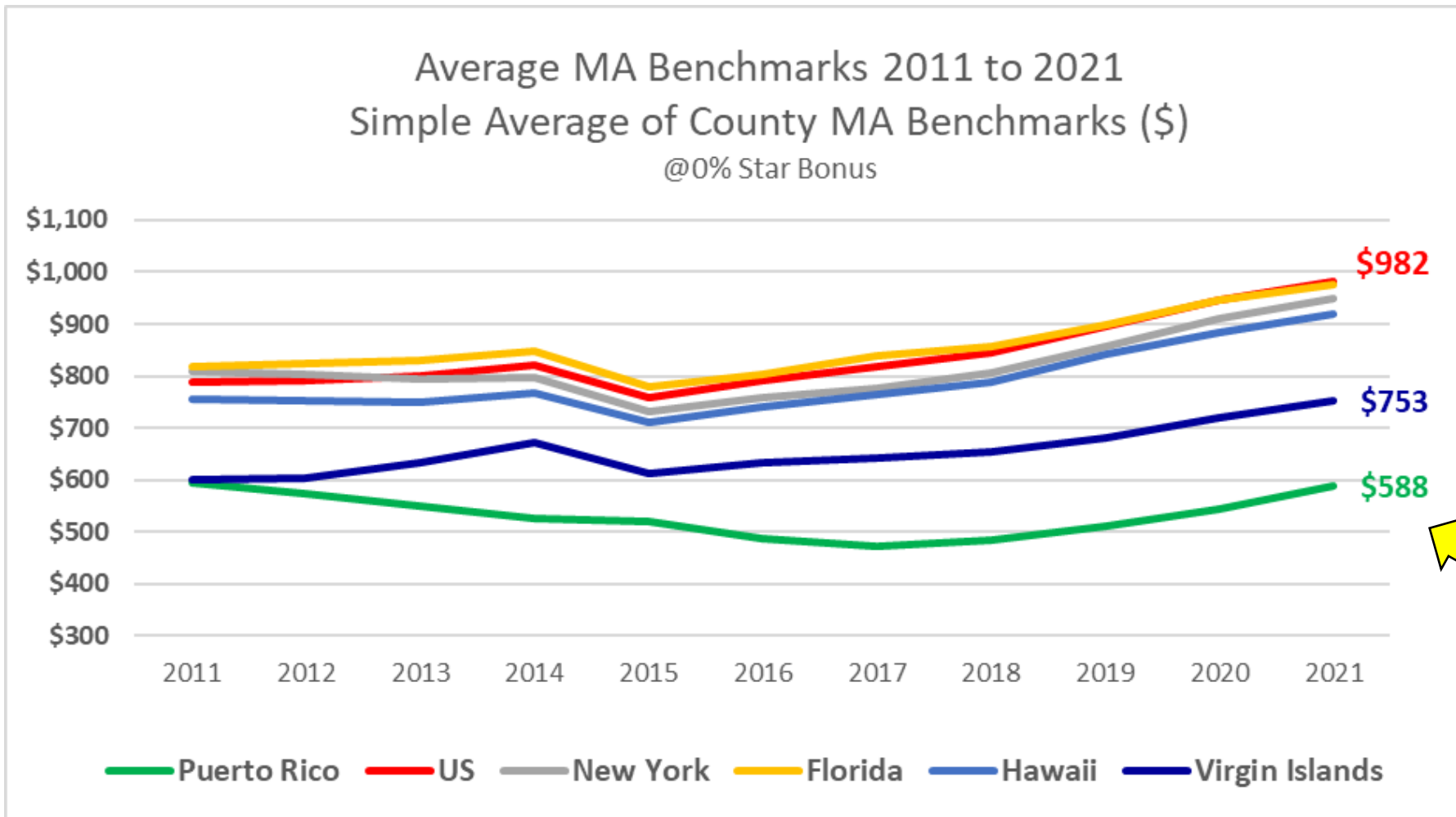


IMPACT

Medicaid Benefits NOT Covered for Duals in Puerto Rico

1. NO Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
 - 30% of Medicaid as US Average
 - 0% (\$0) in Puerto Rico
2. Low payment of pharmacy benefits (\$10)
 - Pharmacy wrap cost estimated ~\$80-\$100
 - No Part D Low Income Subsidy by law
 - MA subsidizing Medicaid
3. NO payment for Medicare Premiums
 - Duals 120% FPL and below get this

Continuing Disparity for MA Beneficiaries



- PR 40% below US Average
- PR 36% below Lowest State (HI)
- PR 22% below USVI

The Best Healthcare Plan in Puerto Rico

