

Fast Facts about Medication and Seniors

- > In 2005, there were 3.8 billion prescriptions dispensed in the USA IMS Health
- > Over the next decade the Federal Government will spend \$526 billion on prescription drugs for Medicare Part D. This will be supplemented by an additional \$175 billion in co-payments. US GAO
- > Seniors represent 13 % of the total population, yet they account for about 42% of all prescription drug spending. Families USA, a Washington based consumer health organization
- > The average senior spends approximately \$2,000/year on prescription medications.
PRIME Institute for Families USA
- > Nearly half of all seniors take five or more medications. Kaiser Foundation
- > 19% of seniors take nine or more medications. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society
- > 37% of all seniors (15 million) need help remembering to take their medications. US National Institute on Aging
- > 54 Million Americans are caregivers of chronically and terminally ill people. Caregiver Magazine
- > Approximately 60-70 percent of pharmacies revenues come from the sale of prescription medications. Motley Fool Business Column
- > 35% of all seniors shop at more than one pharmacy. Kaiser Foundation