



FIGURE I

Changes in Health Insurance at Age 65 in National Health Interview Survey

Samples are based on data from the National Health Interview Survey, 1999–2003. The estimated discontinuities (and standard errors) at age 65 and the fitted lines are from a regression with a quadratic polynomial in age fully interacted with a dummy for age greater than or equal to 65. Models also include a dummy for people assigned to age 65.0 whose Medicare eligibility status is uncertain. Points represent means for people in each age cell (measured in quarters). Points for people age 65.0 are not shown in the figure. Estimated fraction who have Medicare includes all forms of Medicare coverage—see text for discussion of underreporting of Medicare coverage in NHIS. Estimated fraction with multiple policies includes people with at least two forms of health insurance coverage (e.g., Medicare and private supplemental coverage, or Medicare and Medicaid).