

ECON 470 Homework 4

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Question 1

Do you think that the number of plans is sufficient, too few, or too many?

Question 2

How has this distribution changed over time?

Question 3

How much has the average benchmark payment risen over the years?

Question 4

Has Medicare Advantage increased or decreased in popularity? How does this share correlate with benchmark payments?

Question 5

Question 6

Question 7

How sensitive are your findings to the choice of bandwidth?

Question 8

In other words, look at the distribution of the running variable before and after the relevant threshold values.
What do you find?

Question 9

Question 10

Summarize your findings from 1-5. What is the effect of increasing a star rating on enrollments? Briefly explain your results.