# SERS Health Care Board Sustainability Review: 2019

July 17, 2019



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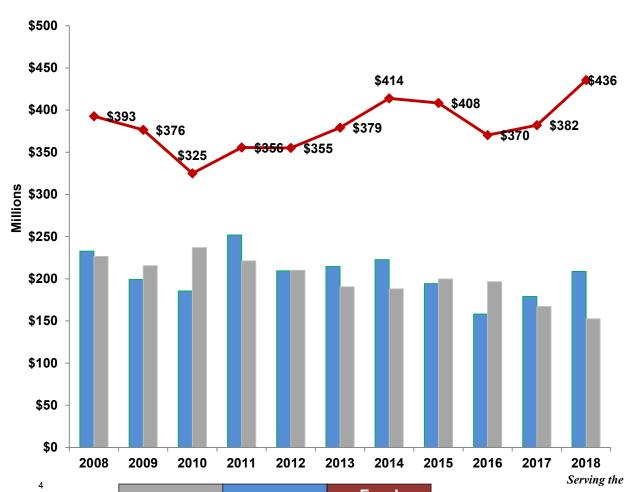


### Introductions

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### **SERS Financial Status**



- Different measures of financial solvency
  - Solvency- An entity's ability to pay for its expenses and debts as they become due
  - Common insurance industry metrics:
    - Incurred but not reported
    - · Months of claim expense
- Meet former guidelines' standards for success
- Remember: modern health care is expensive and changing rapidly
  - Is it reasonable to hold health care programs to pension standards?

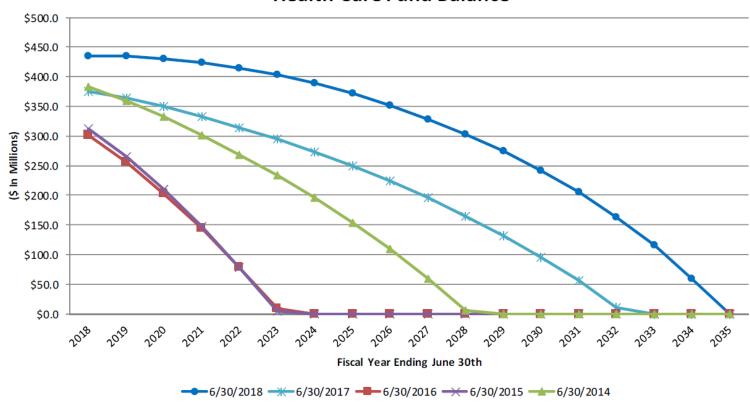
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**HC Expenses HC Additions** 

**Fund Balance** 

## **SERS Actuarial Projection**

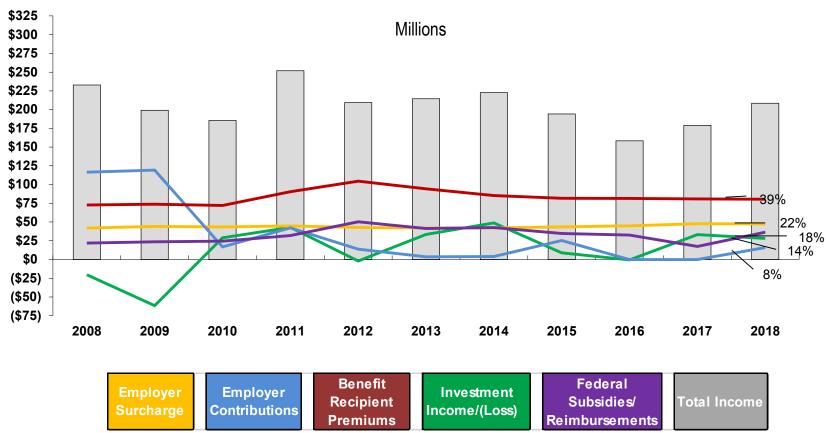
#### **Health Care Fund Balance**



Source: Ohio SERS Retiree Health Care Valuation Report (June 30, 2018)



### **SERS Financial Status**





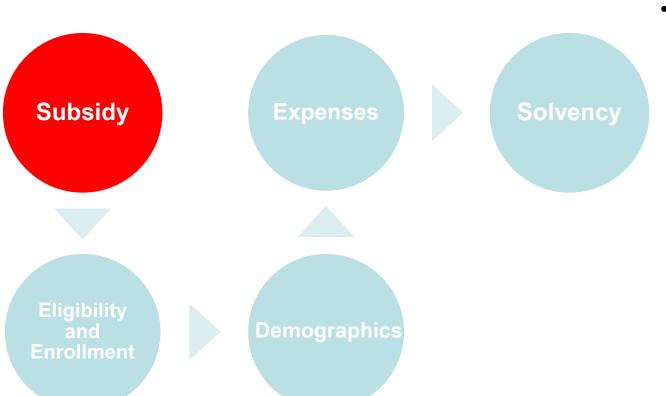
### 1974 Authorized SERS to pay the full single premium for benefit recipients with 5 YOS, and 50% for spouses 1989 Implemented employer surcharge for employees receiving less than actuariallydetermined minimum salary 1994 Established HC Reserve Account funding target as 125% of HC annual expenditures 1997 Established funding goal as at least 150% of the next fiscal year's claims 1998 Confirmed 150% of claims as adequate reserve (re-affirmed 12/98 and 4/2000). 2008 Established funding goal as a 20-year solvency period 2010 Amended the Funding Policy to require "pay as you go" funding when the fund does not achieve 20 years solvency 2015 Adopted current funding policy requiring 70% pension valuation before

discretionary HC allocation

# How did we get here?



### **Interactions**



- If the SERS wants to make changes to the program to extend plan longevity, must be aware that:
  - Not all changes to the program have equal effect
  - "Ripple effect"
    - One change causes different behavior in a different area
    - Selection bias
  - Most significant and impactful area: subsidy



#### 1986

Established 70% premium for spouse and dependents phased in over 5 years

#### 1989

Required 15-75% premium for new service retirees with <25 YOS

#### **1989**

25+ YOS, disability recipients, and surviving spouses continued with no premium

#### 1993

Required Medicare age to qualify for subsidy for newly eligible retirees (rescinded 1999)

#### 2003

Established premium for those without Med A >25 YOS same as AB

#### 2004

Increased zero premium categories to 15% premium

#### 2005

Established 25% premium discount program for benefit recipients at or below 125% of FPL

#### 2006

Increased lowest premium categories from 15% to 17.5%

#### 2008

Required 20 YOS for subsidy for new service retirees 25 YOS for subsidy for spouses

#### 2008

Required eligibility for school employer HC at separation requirement for subsidy

#### 2011

Collapsed prior categories to create current subsidy structure. Added a \$35.00 surcharge (current) and a per-plan upward adjustment factor (eliminated 2014)

#### 2012

Added 3 of 5 years of eligibility for employer HC at separation for subsidy

## History of Subsidization



### **Subsidized Member Premiums**

### Main takeaways:

- Precedent of grandfathering membership prior to subsidization changes
- Grandfathering has the effect of muting impact, but is a common approach when making changes
- Can subsidize Medicare and non-Medicare eligible members differently

Service Years	Retirement on or before July 1, 1989	August 1, 1998 through July 1, 2008	Retirement on or after August 1, 2008	Disability Recipients
5-9.999	50.00%	Not eligible		50%
10-14.999	17.5%	100		
15-19.999	17.5%	50%	100%	33%
20-24.999	17.5%	25%	50%	
25-29.999	17.5%	17.5%	30%	17 500/
30-34.999	17.5%	17.5%	20%	17.50%

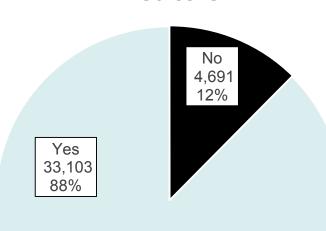
	Child(ren) Premium		
24.999 or less	100%	Spouse premium is based on service	
25-29.999	90%	retiree, disability recipient, or	70%
30+ years	80%	member's service credit.	

Members need to have 20+ years of qualified service credit, or receive a disability benefit. Also must, at time of disability, retirement, or separation from service be eligible to participate in the health care plan of last school employer, **or** have been eligible to participate in the health care plan of his or her school employer at least three of the last five years of service

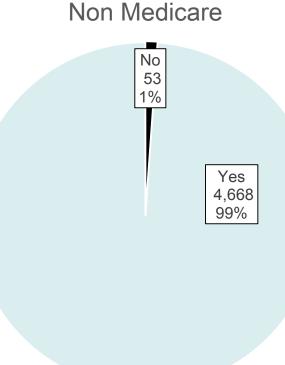


## **Enrollees Receiving Subsidy**





Group	Annualized Subsidy Dollars (as of January 2019)
Medicare	\$45,640,000
Non- Medicare	\$49,883,000
Total	\$95,523,000





## **Premium Subsidy: Enrollment Type**

### **SERS Retirees, Spouses, and Dependents: CY 2019**

Population	Count	Subsidy Dollars	% of Subsidy
SERS Plan Medicare	37,874	\$45,640,000	48%
Disability	2,190	\$3,445,000	4%
Service	28,142	\$40,777,000	43%
Spouses and Dependents	7,542	\$1,418,000	1%
SERS Plan Non-Medicare	<i>4,757</i>	\$49,883,000	<b>52</b> %
Disability	732	\$8,505,000	9%
Service	3,546	\$40,684,000	43%
Spouses and Dependents	479	\$694,000	1%
Waived Medicare	<i>17,259</i>		
Disability	509		
Service	13,298		
Spouses and Dependents	3,452		
Waived Non-Medicare	25,943		
Disability	1,787		
Service	20,412		
Spouses and Dependents	3,744		
<b>Grand Total</b>	85,833	\$95,523,000	



## Premium Subsidy: Years of Service (Contributors Only)

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	SE	RS Disability and S	Service Retirees l	y YOS: CY 2019		
	Disabi	lity	Service	e		
Population	Count	<b>Subsidy Dollars</b>	Count	<b>Subsidy Dollars</b>	<b>Total Count</b>	Total Dollars
SERS Plan						
Medicare	2,190	\$3,445,000	28,142	\$40,777,000	30,332	\$44,222,000
5 to 9.99	79	\$85,000	144*	\$141,000	223	\$226,000
10 to 14.99	151	\$220,000	1,633*	\$767,000	1,784	\$987,000
15 to 19.99	291	\$412,000	2,910	\$2,768,000	3,201	\$3,180,000
20 to 24.99	564	\$809,000	5,318	\$7,302,000	5,882	\$8,111,000
25 to 29.99	640	\$1,093,000	9,311	\$14,852,000	9,951	\$15,946,000
30 to 34.99	330	\$582,000	6,866	\$11,450,000	7,196	\$12,032,000
35+	135	\$245,000	1,960	\$3,496,000	2,095	\$3,741,000
SERS Plan Non-						
Medicare	732	\$8,505,000	3,546	\$40,684,000	4,278	\$49,189,000
5 to 9.99	17	\$127,000	*		17	\$127,000
10 to 14.99	57	\$568,000	1,	\$0	58	\$568,000
15 to 19.99	58	\$576,000	11	\$7,000	69	\$583,000
20 to 24.99	58	\$572,000	194	\$1,437,000	252	\$2,008,000
25 to 29.99	133	\$1,638,000	703	\$7,322,000	836	\$8,959,000
30 to 34.99	186	\$2,284,000	2,154	\$25,721,000	2,340	\$28,005,000
35+	223	\$2,741,000	483	\$6,198,000	706	\$8,939,000
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Grand Total	2,922	\$11,951,000	31,688	\$81,461,000	34,610	\$93,411,000
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<sup>\*</sup> Enrollees in this category who retired after 8/08 receive no subsidy.



## Premium Subsidy: All SERS Health Care Enrollees by Years of Service

Population	Pre-89	8/89 - 7/08	8/08 & After
SERS Plan Medicare	\$4,041,000	\$27,468,000	\$14,131,000
< 5	\$600	\$600	\$0
5 to 9.99	\$152,000	\$44,000	\$37,000
10 to 14.99	\$798,000	\$96,000	\$104,000
15 to 19.99	\$1,025,000	\$2,036,000	\$127,000
20 to 24.99	\$850,000	\$5,352,000	\$1,916,000
25 to 29.99	\$605,000	\$11,436,000	\$4,336,000
30 to 34.99	\$474,000	\$7,168,000	\$5,107,000
35+	\$137,000	\$1,336,000	\$2,505,000
SERS Plan Non-Medicare	\$114,000	\$9,193,000	\$40,575,000
< 5			\$3,000
5 to 9.99		\$82,000	\$55,000
10 to 14.99		\$111,000	\$471,000
15 to 19.99		\$52,000	\$543,000
20 to 24.99		\$141,000	\$1,873,000
25 to 29.99	\$1,000	\$1,231,000	\$7,808,000
30 to 34.99	\$25,000	\$5,532,000	\$22,839,000
35+	\$89,000	\$2,045,000	\$6,983,000
Grand Total	\$4,155,000	\$36,661,000	\$54,706,000

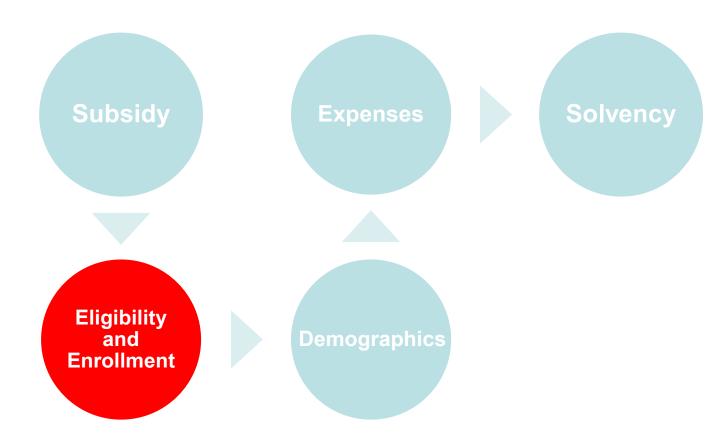


## **Premium Subsidy: Review**

- SERS' health care subsidy is worth \$95 million per year to members.
- 48% of subsidy dollars are in the Medicare population,
  52% in the non-Medicare population.
  - Base premium for non-Medicare is 7 times more expensive than Medicare.
- Service retirees account for 86% of subsidy dollars.
  - -Disability Enrollees account for 12%.
  - -Spouses and Dependents account for 2%.
- Health care enrollees with more than 20 years of service account for 92% of subsidy dollars.



## **Interactions**





#### 1962-1973

Benefit recipients paid the entire premium amount

#### 1974

Authorized SERS to pay the full single premium for benefit recipients with 5 YOS, and 50% for spouses

#### 1977

Added HC eligibility for dependents (50%)

#### 1986

Required 10 years of qualified service for new service retirees

#### 1989

Established irrevocable waiver of coverage excepting for age 65 and group terms

#### 2008

Allowed one-time option for waived eligibility for Medicare to enroll in the Medicare Advantage plan

#### 2014

Authorized dependent enrollment to age 26 to comply with the ACA

#### 2014

Allowed one-time enrollment for waived members who were enrolled in ORS

#### 2016

Eliminated eligibility for members re-employed with access to employer insurance and no Medicare B enrollment

#### 2017

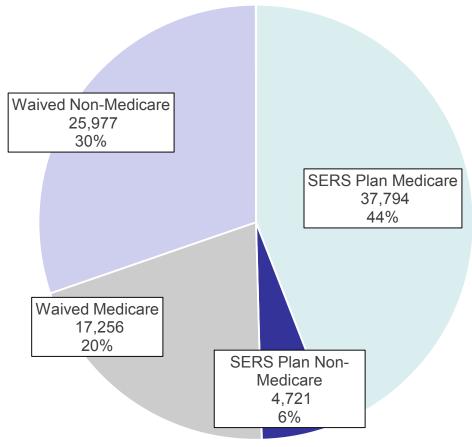
Required disability beneficiaries requesting health care to apply for early Medicare

## **Enrollment and Eligibility History**



## 2018 Health Care Program

Enrolled and waived





## **Non-Medicare Choices**

#### **Ohio Market (individual 60-year-old member)**

Source: ACA 2019 QHP landscape data

Country	Plan Premium			
County	Count	Lowest	Median	Highest
Hamilton	48	\$501.36	\$904.81	\$1,231.75
Cuyahoga	39	\$527.53	\$1,064.63	\$1,322.75
Franklin	30	\$496.36	\$1,065.71	\$1,244.00
Stark	83	\$510.71	\$927.21	\$1,610.85

- In the Non-Medicare space, SERS is the insurer of last resort
- Vast majority of non-Medicare membership has 30-34.99 years of service
- SERS Marketplace Wraparound plan available

#### **SERS 2019 Premiums**

Aetna Choice POS II								
	NON-MEDICARE							
Service Years	The state of the s		Retirement on or after Aug. 1, 2008*	Disability Recipients				
5 to 9.999	\$659	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	\$659				
10 to 14.999	\$253	\$1,282	\$1,282	\$447				
15 to 19.999	\$253	\$ 659	\$ 659 \$1,282					
20 to 24.999	\$253	\$ 347	\$ 659	\$447				
25 to 29.999	\$253	\$ 253	\$ 409	\$253				
30 to 34.999	\$253	\$ 253	\$ 284	\$253				
*If you retired on or a	fter Aug. 1, 2008 with	35 or more years of se	rvice credit, call SERS	for your premium.				
Spouse premium				Child(ren)				
24.999 or less	\$1,032	Spouse premium is b	premium					
25 to 29.999	\$ 932		retiree, disability recipient or member's					
30 or more years	\$ 833	service credit						

		AultCore DDO					
	AultCare PPO						
		NON-MEDICARE					
Service Years	Retirement on or before July 1, 1989	Aug. 1, 1989 through July 1, 2008	Retirement on or after Aug. 1, 2008*	Disability Recipients			
5 to 9.999	\$539	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	\$539			
10 to 14.999	\$211	\$1,042	\$1,042	\$367			
15 to 19.999	\$211	\$ 539	\$1,042	\$367			
20 to 24.999	\$211	\$ 287	\$ 539	\$367			
25 to 29.999	\$211	\$ 211	\$ 337	\$211			
30 tp 34.999	\$211	\$ 211	\$ 236	\$211			

\*If you retired on or after Aug. 1, 2008 with 35 or more years of service credit, call SERS for your premium.

Spouse premium	Child(ren)		
24.999 or less	\$839	Spouse premium is based on the service	premium
25 to 29.999	\$759	retiree, disability recipient or member's	\$159
30 or more years	\$678	service credit	

The premium charts above reflect premium subsidies. If you do not qualify for a subsidy, you pay the full premium regardless of your years of service.

## **Medicare Eligible Choices**

- According to information produced by OptumInsight in 2018:
  - SERS Plan has richer coverage than MAPD Plans in the market
    - SERS OOP max is \$3,000, making it better than any other MAPD plan.
    - SERS PCP and ER copays are at or near the highest.
    - SERS premiums are mid-market.

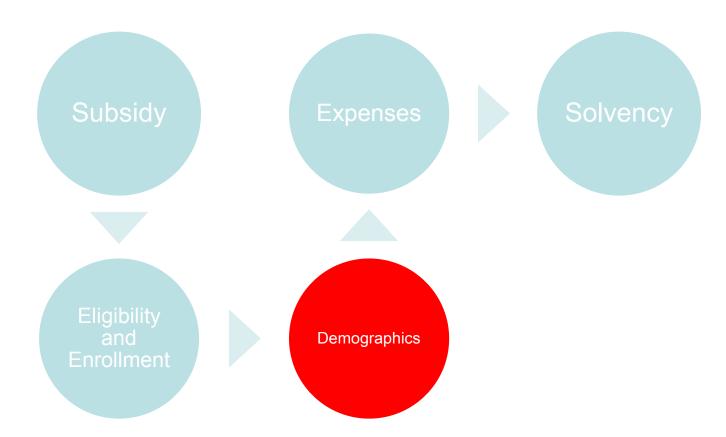
Plan Percentile (1)	Front End Deductible (Out- of-Network)	OOP Max (In- Network)	IP Hosp Copay / Day (up to 7) (2)	IP Hosp Max Number of Copay Days	OP Surgery (Max Amt)	РСР	Specialist	ER
10%	\$0	\$3,400	\$179	4	\$195	\$5	\$25	\$80
50%	\$0	\$4,900	\$243	5	\$290	\$10	\$45	\$80
75%	\$0	\$6,200	\$257	6	\$350	\$15	\$45	\$80
90%	\$1,025	\$6,700	\$257	6	\$395	\$15	\$50	\$80
100%	\$2,000	\$6,700	\$300	7	\$425	\$35	\$50	\$100
SERS (In)	<b>\$0</b>	\$3,000	\$107	5	\$200	\$20	\$40	\$100

<sup>(1)</sup> Definition of Plan Percentile: 75% of the MAPD plans in the market offer a \$15 PCP Copayment or less.



<sup>(2)</sup> SERS benefit is \$150/day for 5 days. This translates to \$107/day for a 7 day stay. Most MAPD plans have a 5- to 7-day copay.

## **Interactions**





## **Demographics**

- SERS' membership stands apart from sister systems
  - Majority female
  - Older
  - Fewer years of service
  - Significantly lower salary

	Avera	ge Age	Sala	Salary Avg. Monthl			irs of e Credit
	Active	New Retiree	Active	New Retiree	Benefit (Retirees Only)	Active	New Retiree
SERS (2018)	46.8	63.9	\$21,045	\$34,090	\$1,281	7.4	21.2
OPERS (2017)	42.4	60.7	\$38,822	\$54,627	\$2,276	9.4	23.4
STRS (2018)	43.8	63.0	\$60,104	\$78,110	\$3,454	12.5	26.3

All SERS Benefit Recipients	Average Age	Average Monthly Benefit
Service, disability and survivor (81,332)	73.7	\$1,241



## Effects of Pension Reform: SERS of the Future

- Effects of pension reform
  - Rules drive retirement
- Length of employment
- Participation in SERS health care offerings



## Health Care Enrollees by Years of Service

YOS	2006	2018
< 5	1%	0%
5 to 9.99	9%	1%
10 to 14.99	16%	6%
15 to 19.99	18%	10%
20 to 24.99	18%	17%
25 to 29.99	23%	30%
30 to 34.99	13%	27%
35+	3%	8%

- Including spouses and children, but ultimately driven by the retiree's years of service
  - Spouse has equal number of years of service as retiree



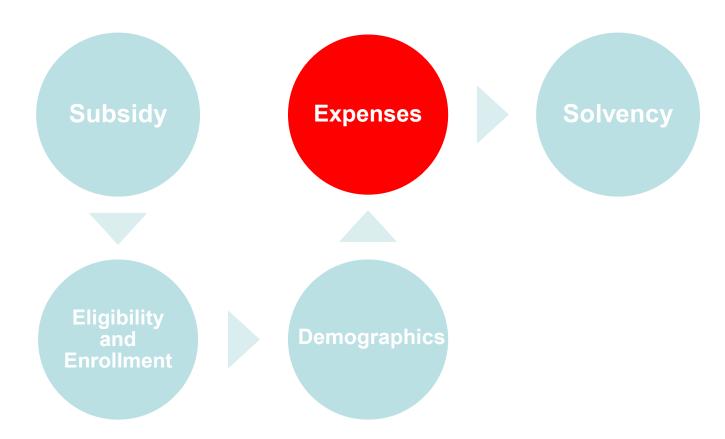
### **New Health Care Enrollment**

Population	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
65 and Over	1.895	2,170	2.726	1.633	491
SERS HC	40%	39%	35%		54%
Waived	60%	61%	65%	57%	46%
Under 65	2,317	2,965	4,493	1,274	520
SERS HC	24%	22%	20%	36%	51%
Waived	76%	78%	80%	64%	49%

 2019 population counts are through June



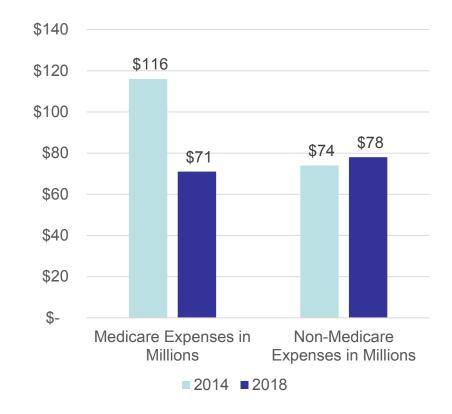
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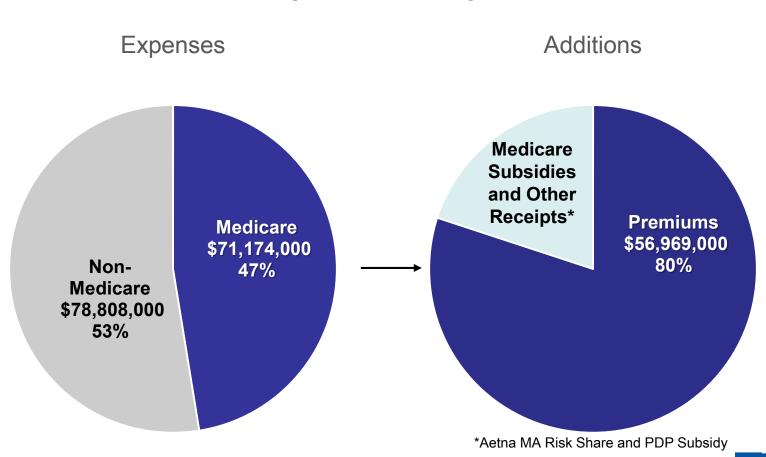
## **Expenses**

- Per capita differences and trends
- Impact of MA
- Impact of EGWP
  - -Claim subsidies
  - -LICS
  - -Safe harbor changes
- Benchmark comparisons

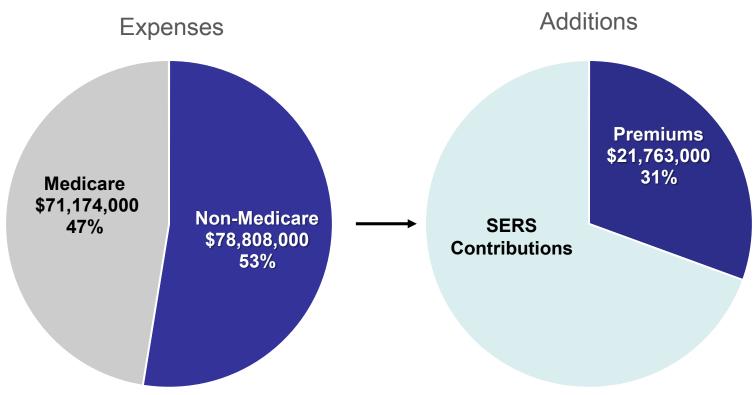




## Medicare Program 2018 (All Plans)



## Non-Medicare Program 2018 (All Plans)

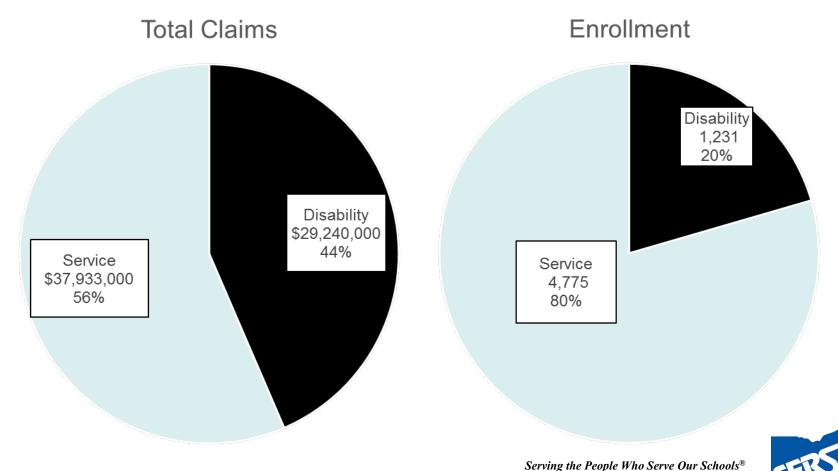




## Medicare Program 2018 (Aetna MA Only)



## Non-Medicare Program 2018 (Aetna Only)



## Marketplace Wraparound Cost vs. Non-Medicare Group Plan Cost

	Per Member Per Month	
SERS Non-Medicare Plan	\$750 (net of premium) PMPM	
Marketplace Wraparound	\$55* PMPM *Claims and administrative costs, January 2017 to April 2019	



### **Discussion**

- Subsidization drives enrollment, which drives demographics, which drive expense distribution
  - Expense subsidization: non-Medicare enrollees with Medicare
  - "Spread of risk"
  - Enrollee decision-making
- Multiple ways to define financial success
- Important to define priorities and goals for SERS

