

# Philo Hall Quoted in “Puerto Rico: The ‘Canary in the Coal Mine’ for Medicare Advantage Growth”

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**Philo D. Hall**, Strategic Advisor with EBG Advisors and Member of the Firm in the Health Care & Life Sciences practice at Epstein Becker Green, was quoted in *Modern Healthcare*, in “Puerto Rico: The ‘Canary in the Coal Mine’ for Medicare Advantage Growth,” by Maya Goldman. (*Read the full version – subscription required.*)

Following is an excerpt:

Medicare Advantage enrollment expands each year, with 2.3 million new people covered in 2022. As the program grows, however, its payment system could need a significant reboot.

Puerto Rico, which has the highest proportion of Medicare Advantage enrollees among all states and territories, offers a glimpse of what insurers in other jurisdictions may face. The territory’s low rates of traditional fee-for-service Medicare enrollment—on which Medicare Advantage payments are based—present challenges for insurance companies trying to run effective programs there. ...

Puerto Rico’s high Medicare Advantage penetration and specific difficulties have unique causes, but the considerations for stateside insurance companies and policymakers are the same, said Philo Hall, a lawyer at law firm Epstein Becker Green. ...

“When you have an ever-diminishing, small fee-for-service population that is being used to set the rates for 60, 70, 80, 90% of the Medicare population under MA, any anomalies in that small population are going to be disproportionately distortive,” Hall said.

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