

I. BUDGET OVERVIEW

Information about the Federal, DHHS and CMS budgets.

HIGHLIGHTS

- o *Medicare benefit payments are expected to increase by 7.5 percent from 2002 to 2003 and by 4.6 percent from 2003 to 2004.*
- o *Federal and State Medicaid medical assistance payments are expected to increase by 10.2 percent from 2002 to 2003 and by 9.2 percent from 2003 to 2004.*
- o *Program benefit payments for Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP combined are expected to increase by 10.4 percent from 2002 to 2003 and by 9.0 percent from 2003 to 2004.*