Medicare and Medicaid account for the majority of federal healthcare spending

2020 Federal Health Outlays: $1,936 Billion

- Medicare: $776
- Medicaid: $459
- Defense Health Program: $53
- Veterans Medical Care: $91
- Health-related Income Tax Expenditures: $268
- Other: $289


NOTES: Health-related Income Tax Expenditures includes all tax expenditures classified under the Health function by the JCT. Medicare spending is net of offsetting receipts. Healthcare spending in 2020 was about $300 billion more than such spending in 2019, that increase was largely due to enhancements in healthcare programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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