Health Spending Projections Through 2017

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NHE Projections Overview

- Health Spending Growth Projection:
 - Generally steady over projection period; 6.7
 percent per year



What's Going On Under Surface?

• Health's share of GDP:

- Expectation of steady health spending growth combined with slower economic growth results in health share of nearly 20 percent by 2017

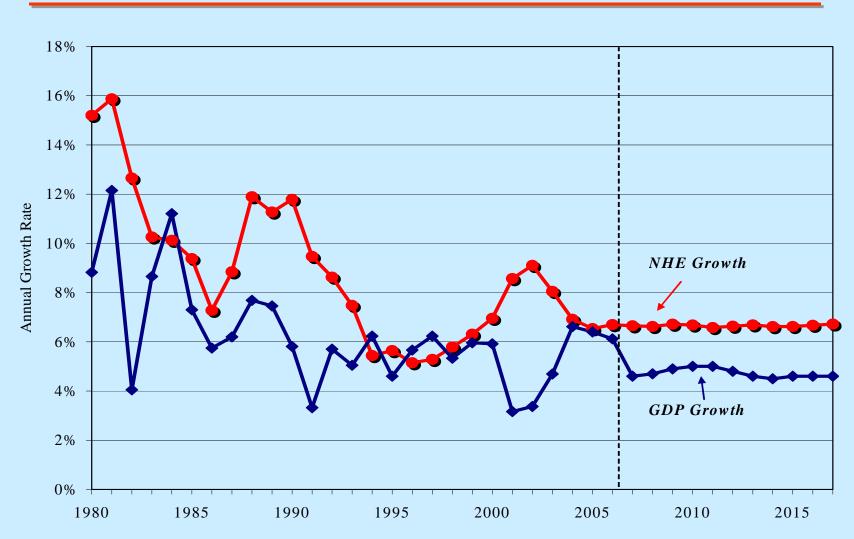
Divergent payer and sector trends

- General acceleration in public spending growth, deceleration in private spending growth expected through 2017
- The really depressing news...
- Hospital, prescription drug growth rates show opposite growth trends

New feature

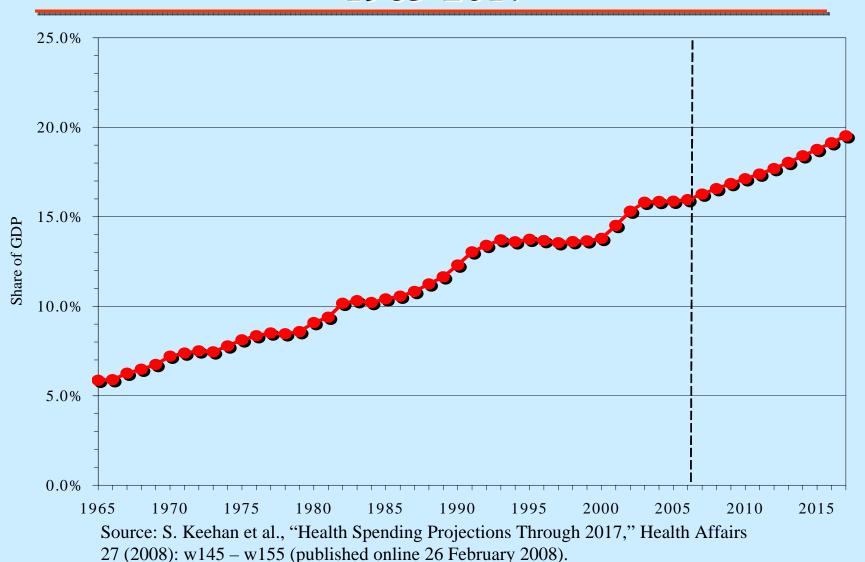
- Simulation: the effect of a 0.0 percent Medicare physician payment rate update scenario on projected spending vis-à-vis current law (pre-MMSEA)
- Other findings and Projection Accuracy

Growth in National Health Expenditures (NHE) vs. Growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 1980-2017

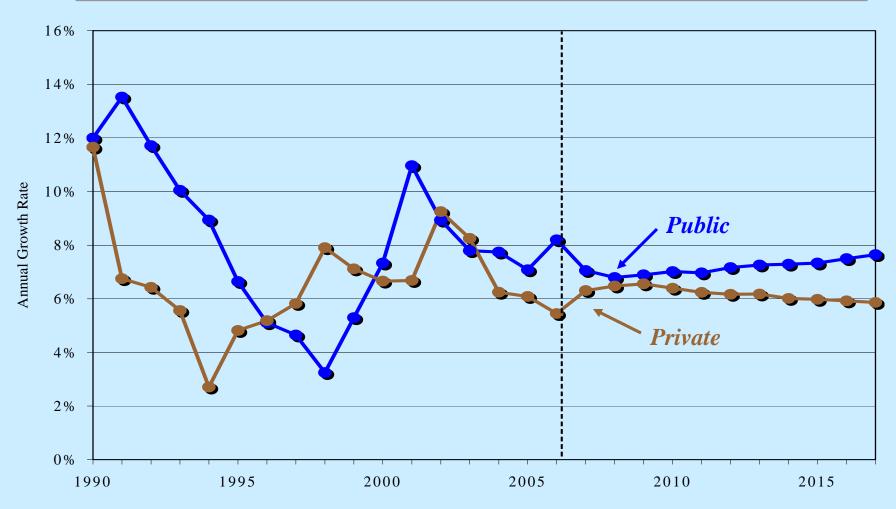


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NHE Share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 1965-2017



Growth in Health Spending by Public and Private Payers, 1990-2017



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Category	To Date	<u>Projected</u>
Batting Average	.191	.191
Home Runs	1	8
Runs Batted In	2	16

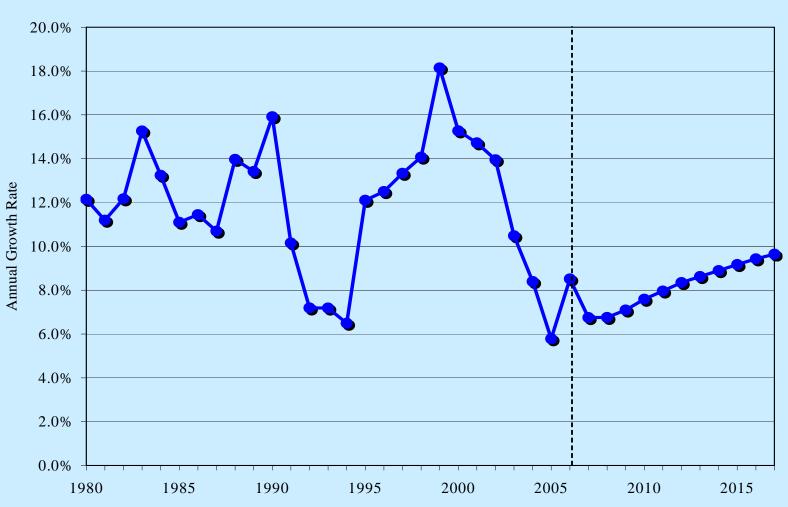
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Hospital Spending Growth, 1980-2017

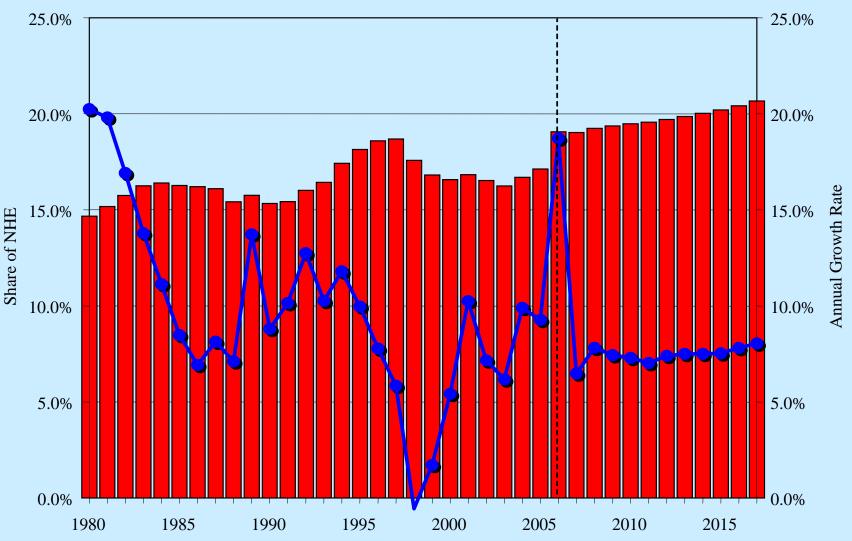


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Growth in Prescription Drug Spending, 1980-2017



Growth in Medicare Spending and Share of NHE, 1980-2017



Projected National Health Expenditures (\$ billions) under Current Law and 0.0 Percent Medicare Physician Payment Update Scenario, Selected Years 2007-2017

Spending Category and Scenario	2007	2008	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017
Total Medicare 0% Update Scenario	\$427.3	\$465.3	\$502.7	\$586.4	\$685.6	\$800.6	\$940.2
Total Medicare Current Law	427.3	460.7	495.0	568.5	656.4	758.8	884.0
Percent Difference	0.0%	1.0%	1.6%	3.2%	4.5%	5.5%	6.4%
Medicare Physician 0% Update Scenario	\$98.0	\$106.8	\$114.9	\$133.1	\$154.6	\$178.9	\$207.8
Medicare Physician Current Law	98.0	102.5	108.2	118.9	132.2	147.4	165.8
Percent Difference	0.0%	4.2%	6.2%	11.9%	17.0%	21.4%	25.3%

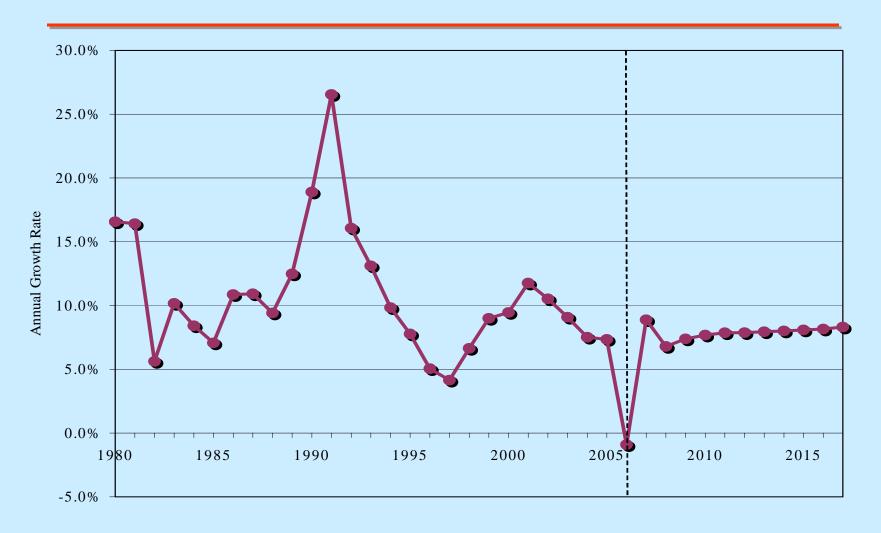
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Projected National Health Expenditures (\$ billions) under Current Law and 0.0 Percent Medicare Physician Payment Update Scenario, Selected Years 2007-2017

Spending Category and Scenario	2007	2008	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017
Total NHE 0% Update Scenario	\$2,245.6	\$2,397.4	\$2,560.0	\$2,915.9	\$3,321.7	\$3,780.5	\$4,308.7
Total NHE Current Law	2,245.6	2,394.3	2,555.1	2,905.1	3,305.0	3,757.0	4,277.1
Percent Difference	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%
Total Physician 0% Update Scenario	\$473.0	\$504.4	\$536.9	\$609.7	\$688.8	\$773.0	\$866.2
Total Physician Current Law	473.0	501.7	532.8	601.0	675.1	753.6	840.0
Percent Difference	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	1.4%	2.0%	2.6%	3.1%

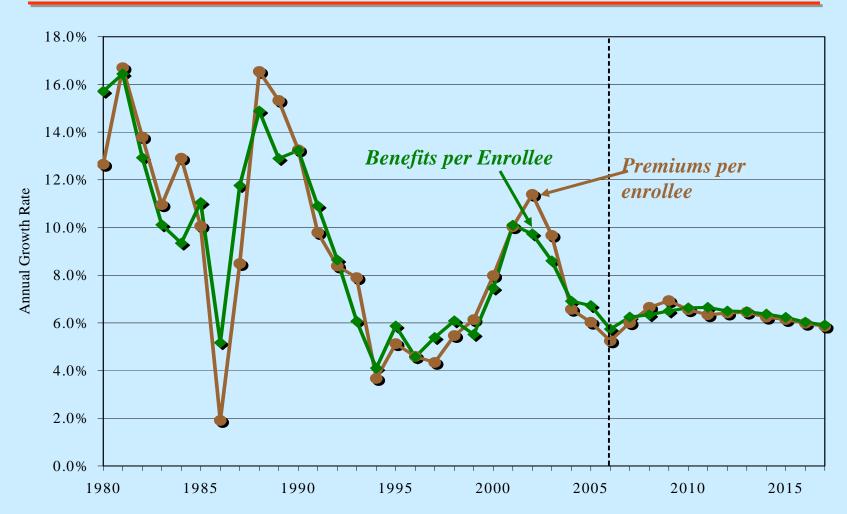
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Growth in Medicaid Spending, 1980-2017



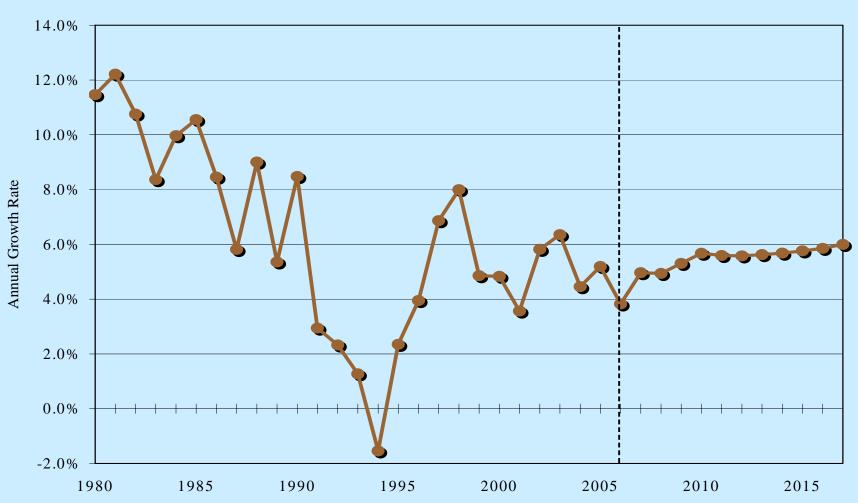
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Growth in Private Health Insurance (PHI) Premiums and Benefits Per Enrollee, 1980-2017



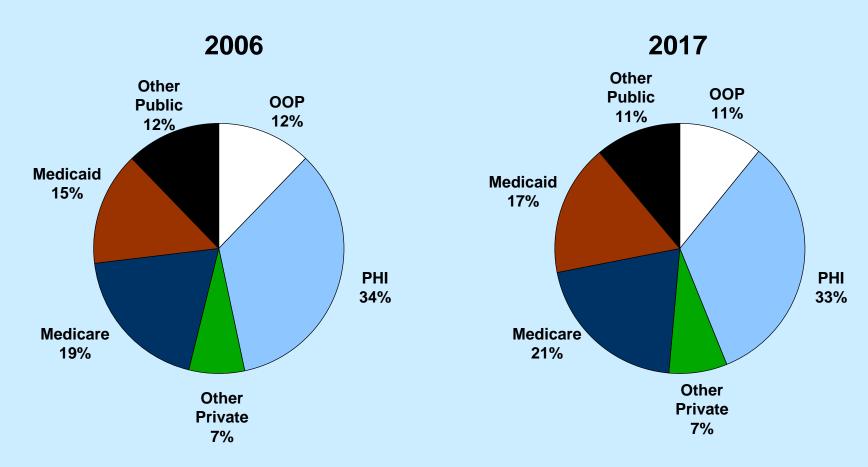
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Growth in Out-of-Pocket (OOP) Spending, 1980-2017





Payer trends, 2006 and 2017



Note: Totals may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *Source:* CMS, Office of the Actuary, National Health Statistics Group.

Other Findings

Physician Spending Growth, 1980-2017



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Nursing Home Spending Growth, 1980-2017



Home Health Spending Growth, 1980-2017



Projection Accuracy

- Comparison of projection vintages to most recent historical NHE (1997-2007)
- Aggregate projections more accurate than sector or payer specific projections
- Reasons for differences:
 - Current-law framework
 - Revisions to source data (historical and projected)
 - Changes to individual models
 - Unanticipated change or magnitude of change

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary.

Our Most Recent Projection...

Early male-pattern baldness!







1970

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Not too distant future

NHE Projections materials on the CMS website:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalHealthExpendData/03_NationalHealthAccountsProjected.asp

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