Per capita health care spending, 2006

$ at PPP*

Per capita GDP ($)

* Purchasing power parity.

** Estimated Spending According to Wealth.

Source: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Chocolate Consumption vs. Nobel Laureates

Figure 1. Correlation between Countries' Annual Per Capita Chocolate Consumption and the Number of Nobel Laureates per 10 Million Population.
Exhibit 7. Year-Over-Year Percentage Change in Health Spending and GDP

Source: Altarum monthly NHE estimates; monthly GDP is from Macroeconomic Advisers and Altarum estimates
Note: Lightly shaded bars denote recession periods
Exhibit 2. Projected and Historical Annual Growth Rates of Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary In Excess of GDP

Source: Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary from 1970–2010 from OACT data on incurred costs; GDP per capita for 1970–2010 from BEA historical data; 10 year future projections and SGR fix data from OACT projections of incurred costs and CBO projections. CBO's SGR fix assumes resetting the SGR Target at 2011 Spending Levels and using GDP +1% in Target. OACT's SGR fix assumes that payment rates will increase at 1% per year.
• 50% of the population spends 3% of all health care costs

• 10% of the population spends 63% of all health care costs

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