

Medicare Prescription Drug Trends

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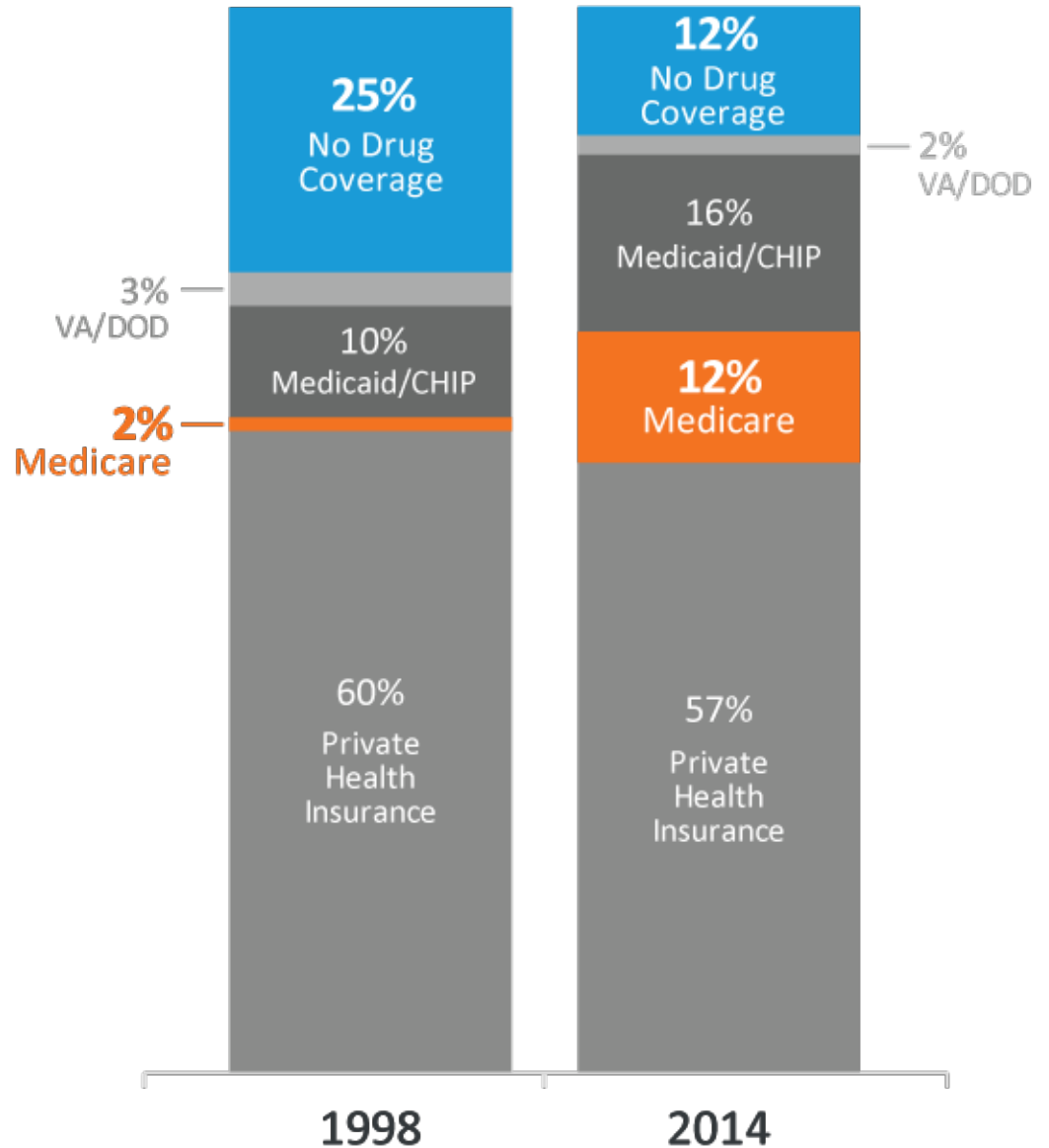
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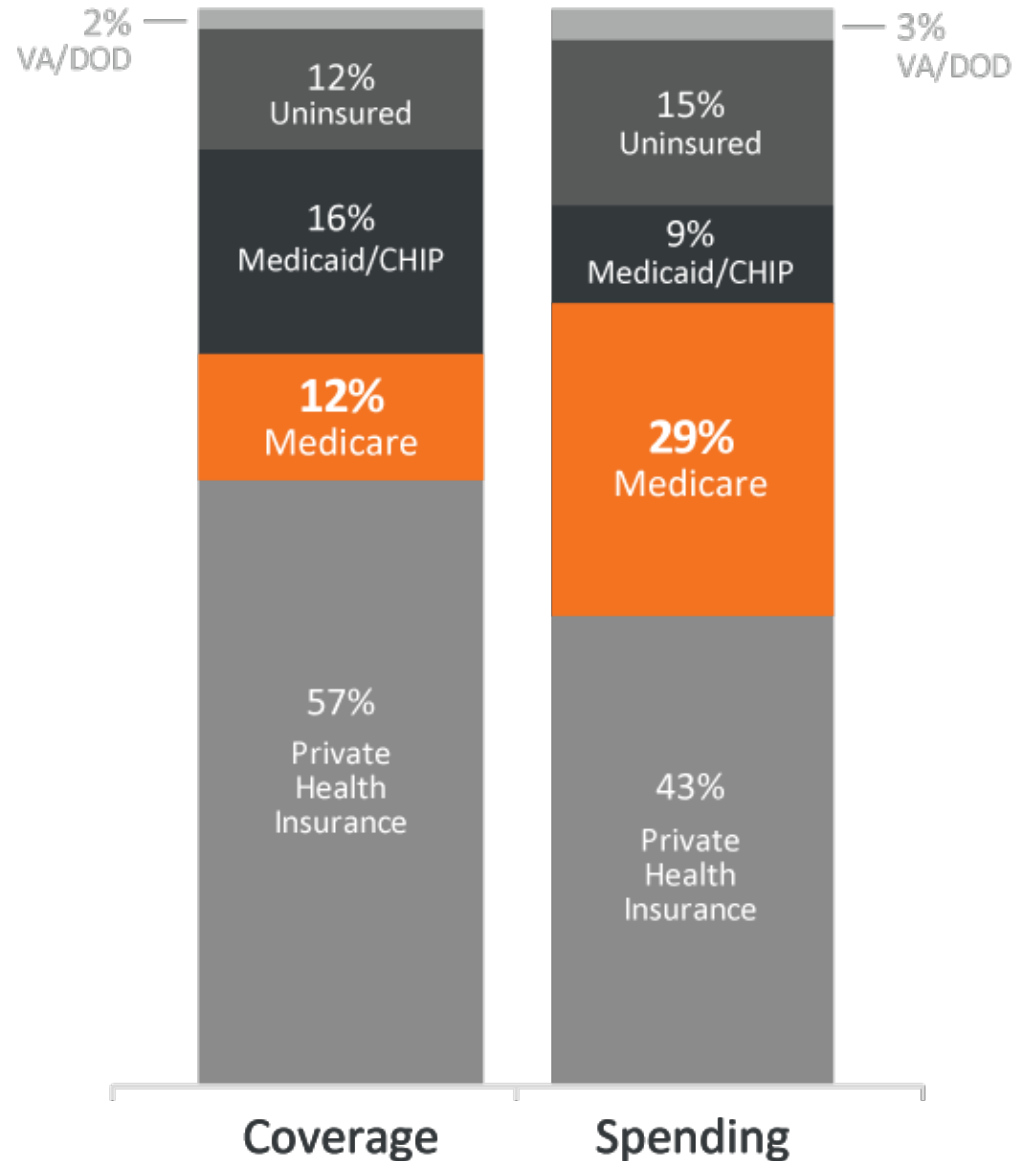
Sources of Drug Coverage

Prescription Drug Coverage Expanded Through Medicare



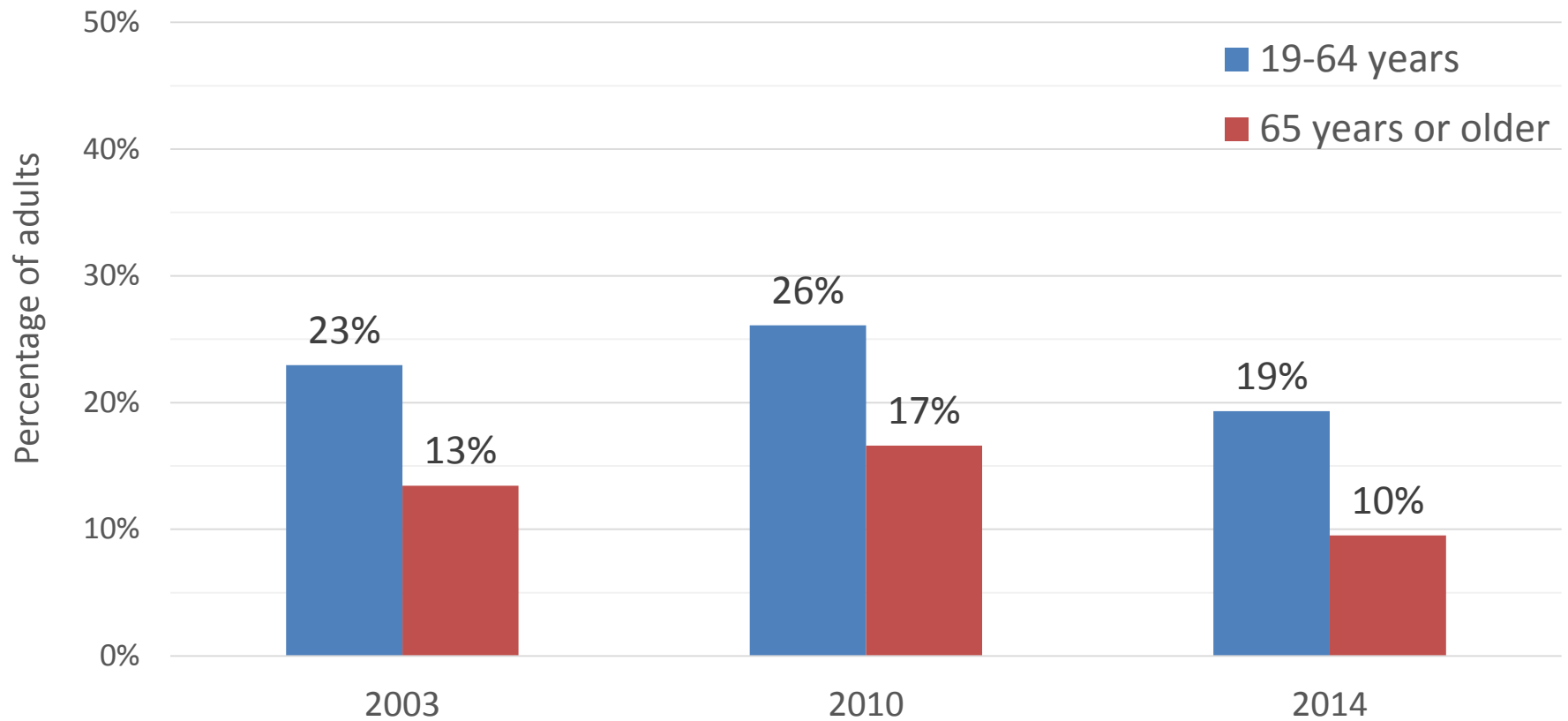
Medicare Covers
12% of
Population Yet
Accounts for
29% of Drug
Spending in the
U.S.

Sources of Drug Coverage vs. Spending, 2014

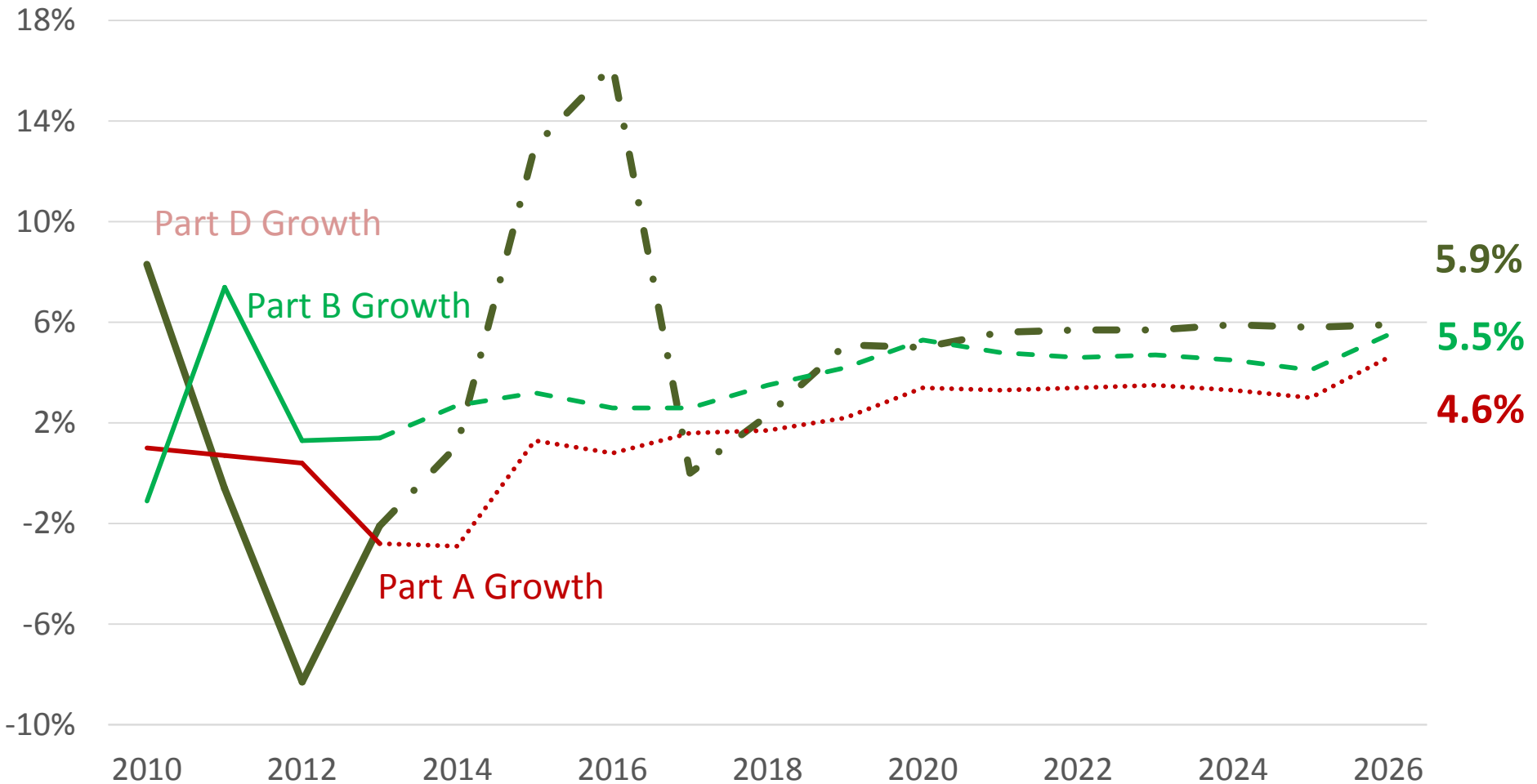


Affordability Can Impede Access to Medicine for Adults

In the past year, was there any time when you did not fill a prescription for medicine due to cost?

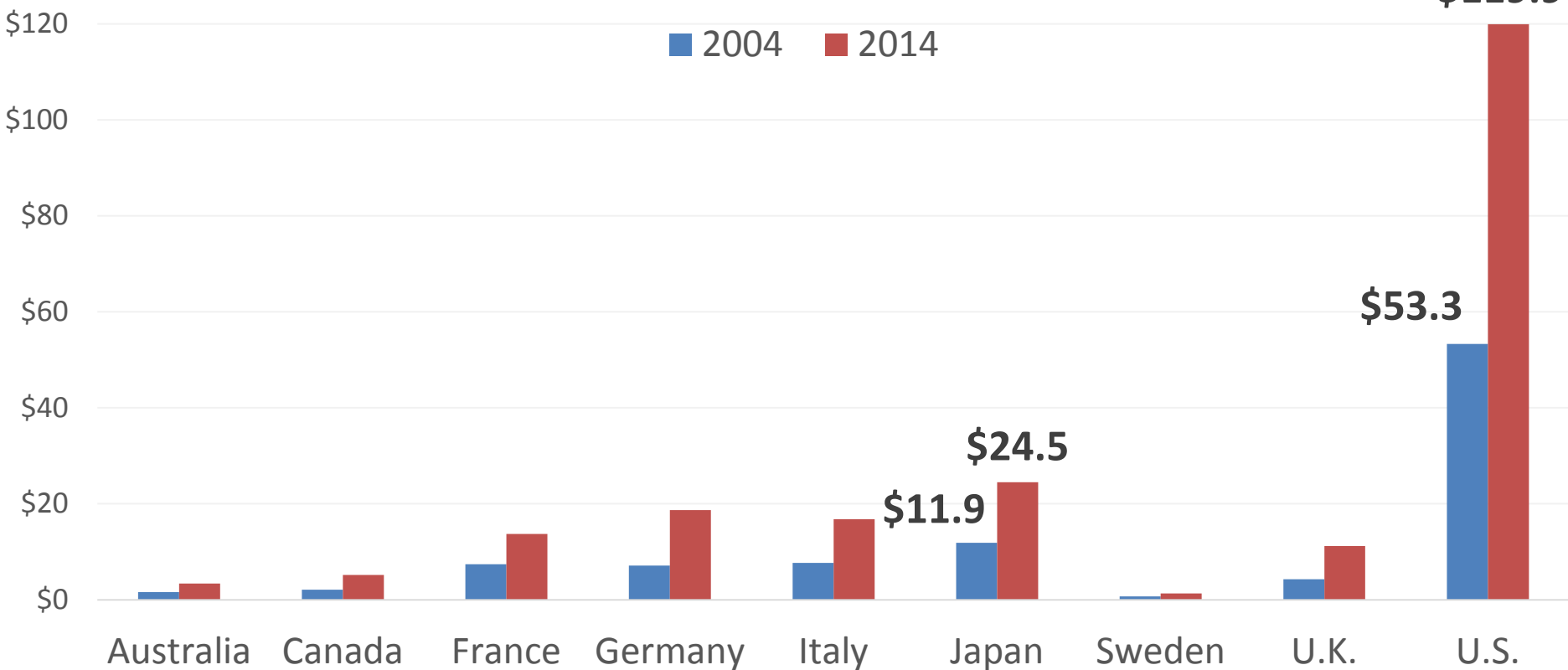


CBO Projects Part D Costs to Stay Above Hospital (Part A) and Physician (Part B) Costs



U.S. Exceeds Peer Countries in Cancer Drug Expenditures...

Total Expenditures Associated with All Cancer Medications
(billions of 2014 U.S. \$)



...Even When Incidence is Taken Into Account

Total Incidence-Adjusted Expenditures Associated with All Cancer Medications
(thousands of 2014 U.S. \$)

