



# INTRODUCTION TO THE U.S. HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

## *THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLEX MARKET*

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*Biomarkers*

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*Cancer  
Therapies*

*Cardiology*

*Cellular  
Therapies*

*Critical Care*

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*Hematology*

*Hepatology*

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*Hypertension*

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*Interventional  
Cardiology*

*In-Vitro  
Diagnosis*

*Interventional  
Radiology*

*Light-Based  
Therapies*

*Neurology*

*NICU*

*Ophthalmology*

*Orthopedic*

*Pain*

*Patient  
Monitoring*

*Pathology*

*Pulmonary*

*Radiology /  
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*Sleep Medicine*

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*Spine Surgery*

*Surgical  
Simulation*

*Telemedicine*

*Transfusion  
Medicine*

*Urology*

*Vascular  
Medicine*

*Wearable  
Devices*

*Wellness /  
mHealth*

*Wound Care*

# Agenda

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- ❑ Business realities
- ❑ The U.S. healthcare system 101
- ❑ Who pays?
- ❑ Change is underway
- ❑ The take home message
- ❑ Q&A

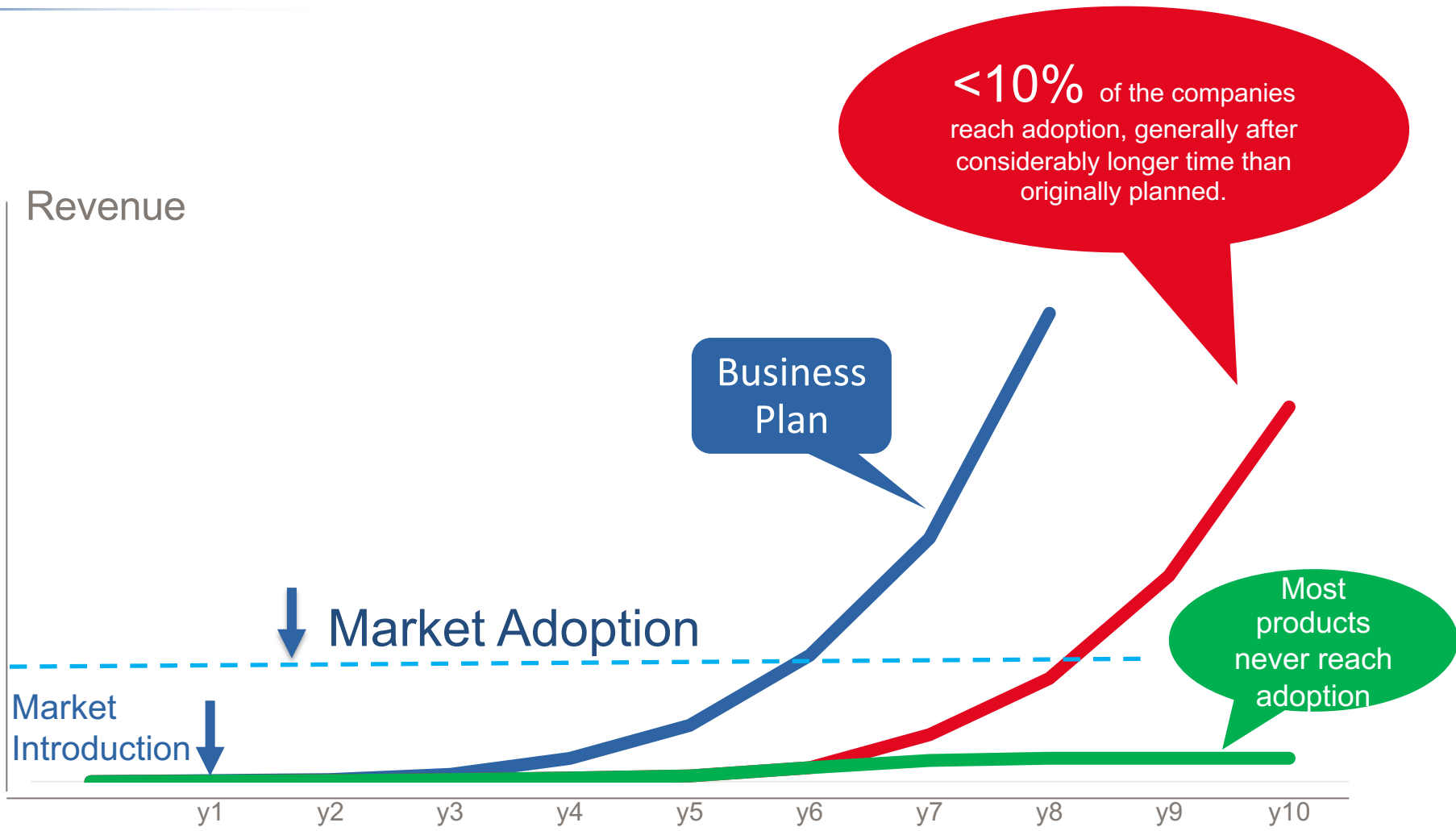
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# Business Realities

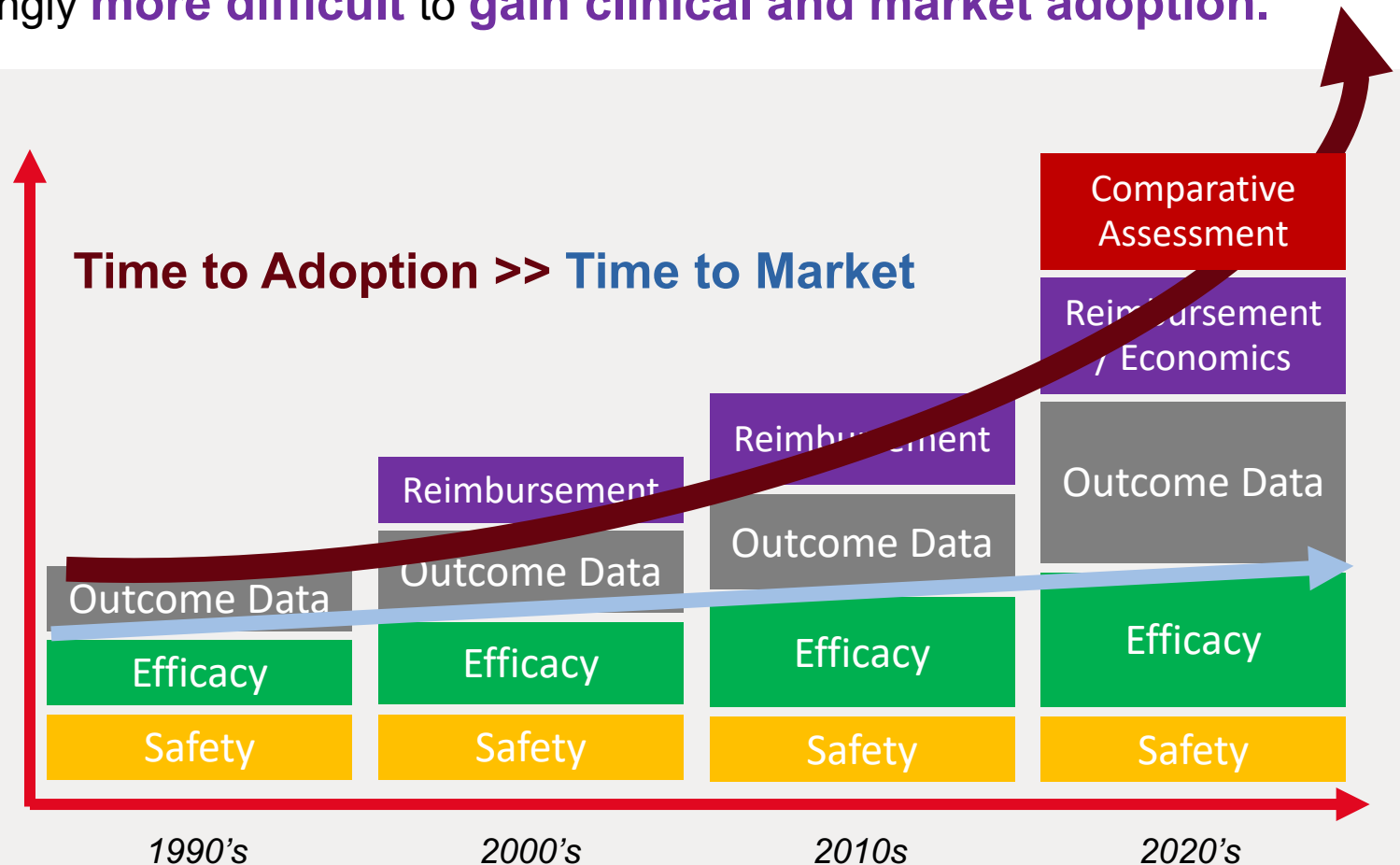
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# Most Companies Miss Their plans



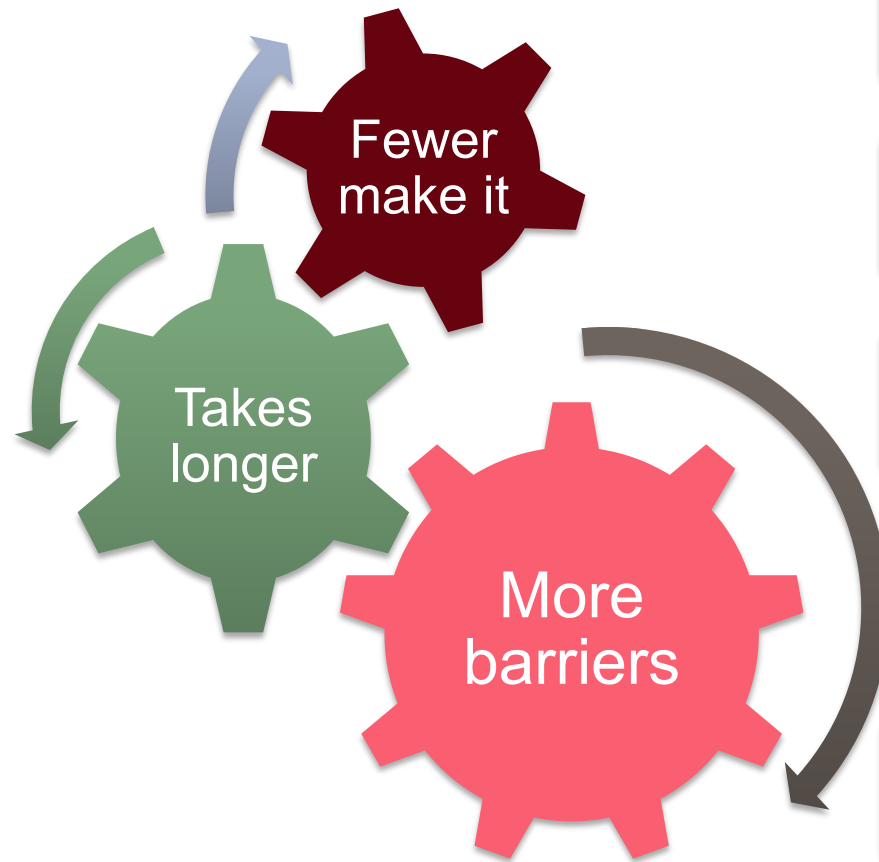
# The Adoption Paradox

While the **need** for new technologies is **increasing**, it is increasingly **more difficult** to **gain clinical and market adoption**.





# Longer **Time-To-Adoption** Has Considerable Implications



Delayed revenue

Need for additional funding rounds

Valuations are negatively impacted

Business development initiatives are delayed

Increased risk of new competitors

To sell medical products / services in the U.S.,  
understanding the healthcare system is a **MUST**

**Understanding the environment  
is required to determine -**

- ✓ The specific clinical application offered
- ✓ Providers using the product / service
- ✓ Healthcare system(s) targeted
- ✓ Who will pay for the product / service

**Specific considerations:**

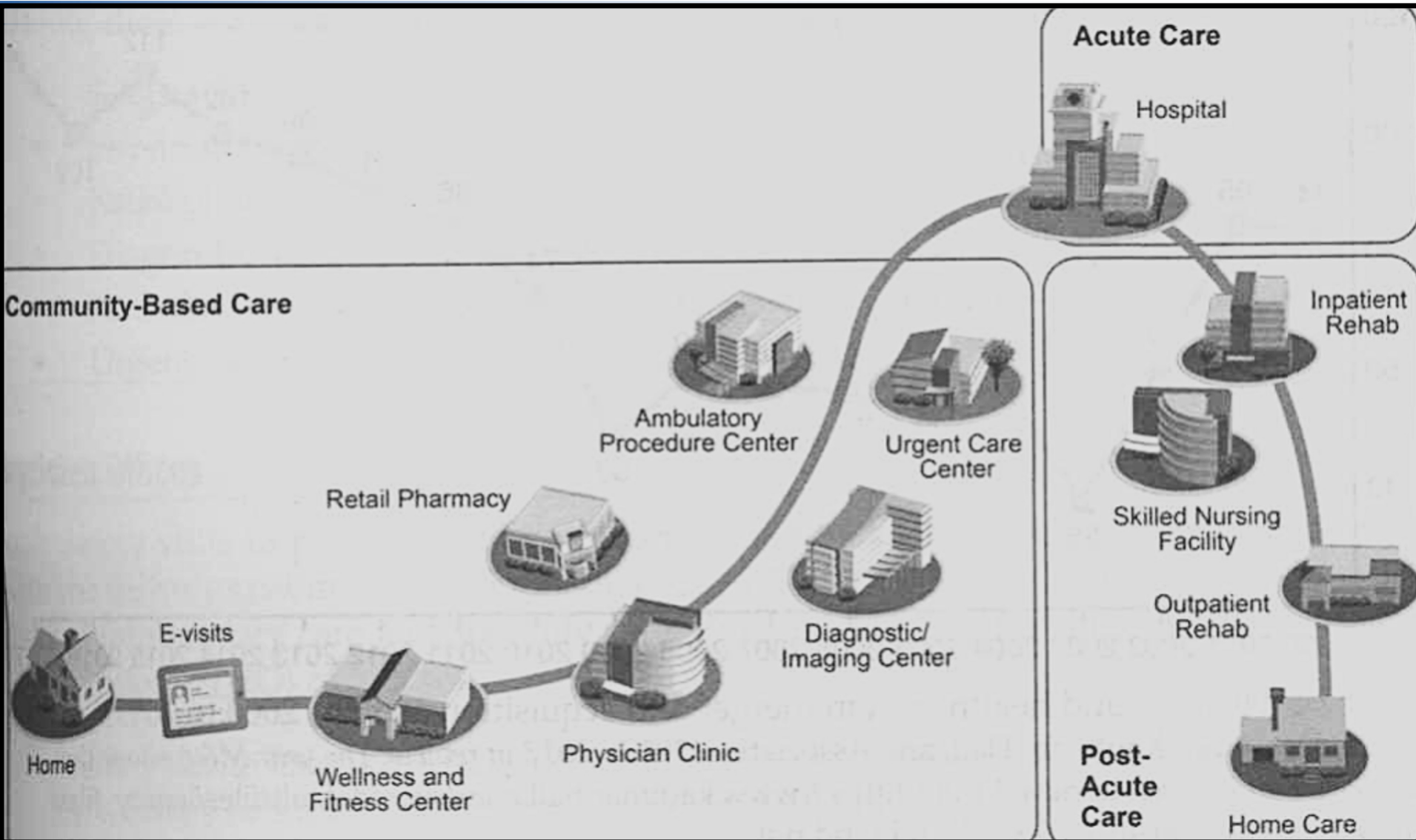
- ❖ Need addressed / clinical utility
- ❖ Workflow
- ❖ Economics
- ❖ Legal / regulatory
- ❖ Decision makers
- ❖ Barriers
- ❖ ...

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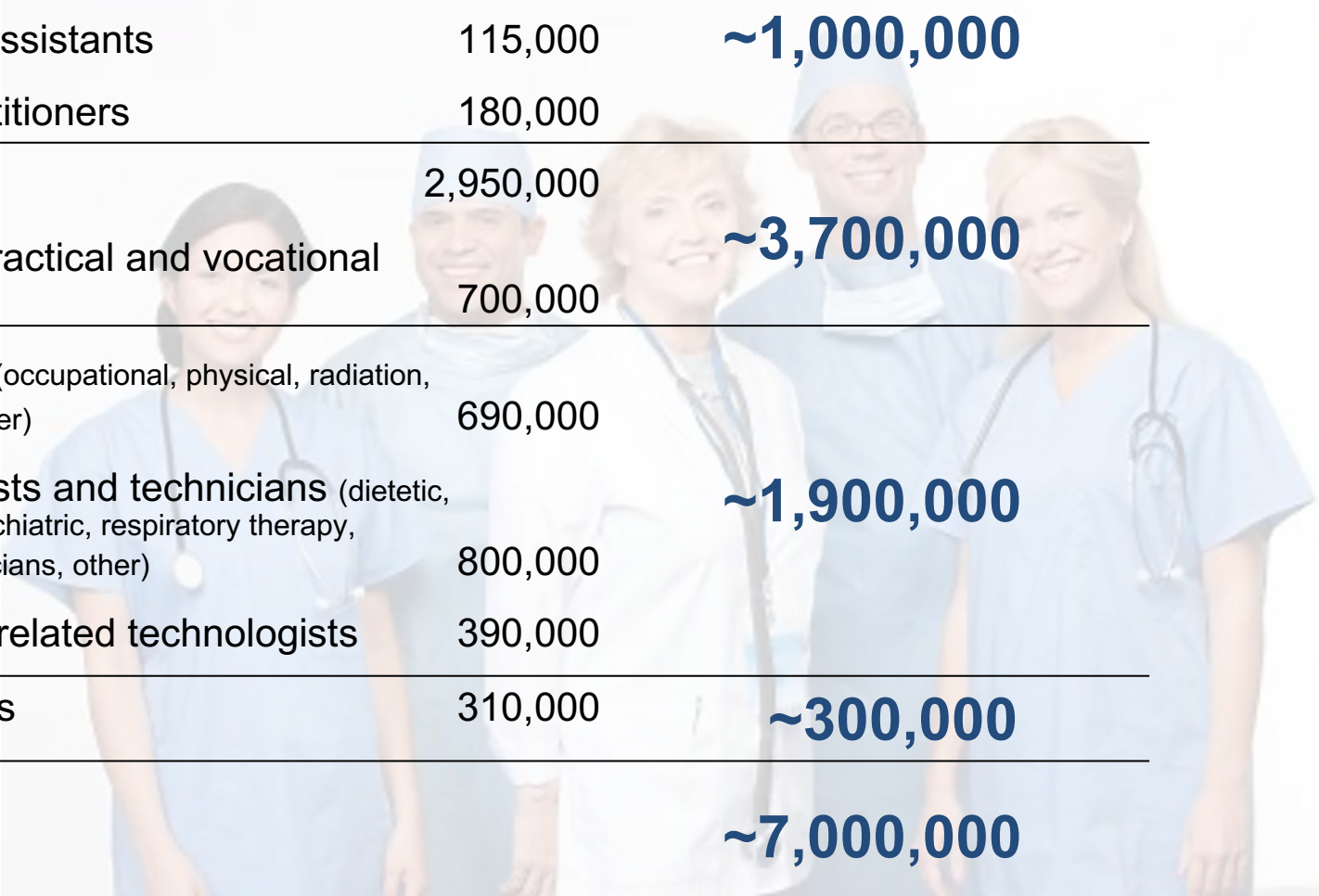
# U.S. Healthcare 101

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# Healthcare Settings



# Professional Caregivers



• Physicians and surgeons	680,000	
• Physician assistants	115,000	<b>~1,000,000</b>
• Nurse practitioners	180,000	
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• RNs	2,950,000	
• Licensed practical and vocational nurses	700,000	<b>~3,700,000</b>
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• Therapists (occupational, physical, radiation, respiratory, other)	690,000	
• Technologists and technicians (dietetic, pharmacy, psychiatric, respiratory therapy, surgical technicians, other)	800,000	<b>~1,900,000</b>
• Diagnostic-related technologists	390,000	
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• Pharmacists	310,000	<b>~300,000</b>
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2018 data

**~7,000,000**

# Outpatient Settings

- **Physician Office**

- **900 million visits**
- PCPs ~40% / Specialists ~60%



- **Emergency Departments**

- **145 million visits**
- Teaching institutions 15% / Non-teaching 85%



- **Hospital Outpatient**

- **126 million visits**
- General medicine 55%
- Surgery 19%
- Pediatrics 10%
- Obstetric and gynecology 9%
- Substance abuse / other 7%



- **Other Ambulatory Care Settings**

- Ambulatory surgery centers
- Community Health Centers
- Public health clinics
- Retail pharmacies
- Walk-in clinics
- Workplace health clinics
- School health clinics
- Telehealth
- Home visits



# Inpatient Acute Care

## 6,200 hospitals

- 930,00 beds
- Daily census >500,000
- 36 million admissions
- ALOS 5.5 days
- <10% of the population is hospitalized each year, at cost >30% of the National Healthcare Expenditures



- **Teaching hospitals**
  - ~20% of hospitals
  - Providing ~50% of hospital-based services
- **Community hospitals ~5,300**
  - 64% urban / 36% rural
  - Not-for-profit hospitals 2,970 (56%) / 545,000 beds
  - For-profit hospitals 1,320 (25%) / 142,000 beds
  - State & local government 970 (19%) / 111,000 beds
- **Federal government - 210**
- **Psychiatric, non-federal - 620**
- **Other - 120**



# Long Term Care

**90,000 - 100,000 facilities**

**8-10 million people served**



- Adult day services..... 4,600 facilities / 286,000 participants
- Home health agencies..... 12,000 facilities / ~4.5M patients discharged
- Hospice..... 4,300 facilities / 1.4M patients cared for
- Nursing homes..... 15,600 facilities / 1.3M residents
- Residential care communities..... 29,000 facilities / 810,000 residents (assisted living)

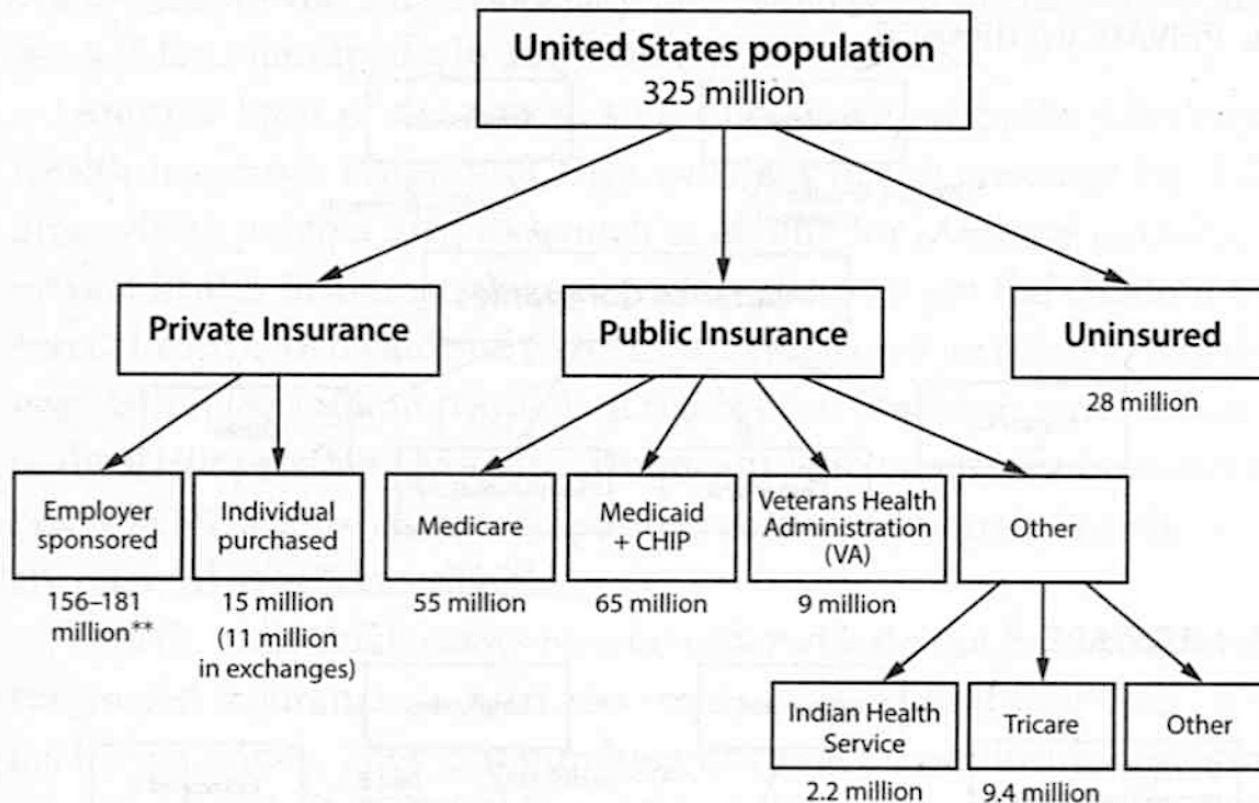


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# Who Pays?

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# Healthcare Coverage in the U.S.



## Medicare.

Federal program, ages >65 (52 million) and permanently disabled (9 million).

18% of population.

~40% Medicare Advantage.

## Medicaid.

Lower income (administered by states)

**CHIP** (Children's Health Insurance Program): children not covered by parents' insurance

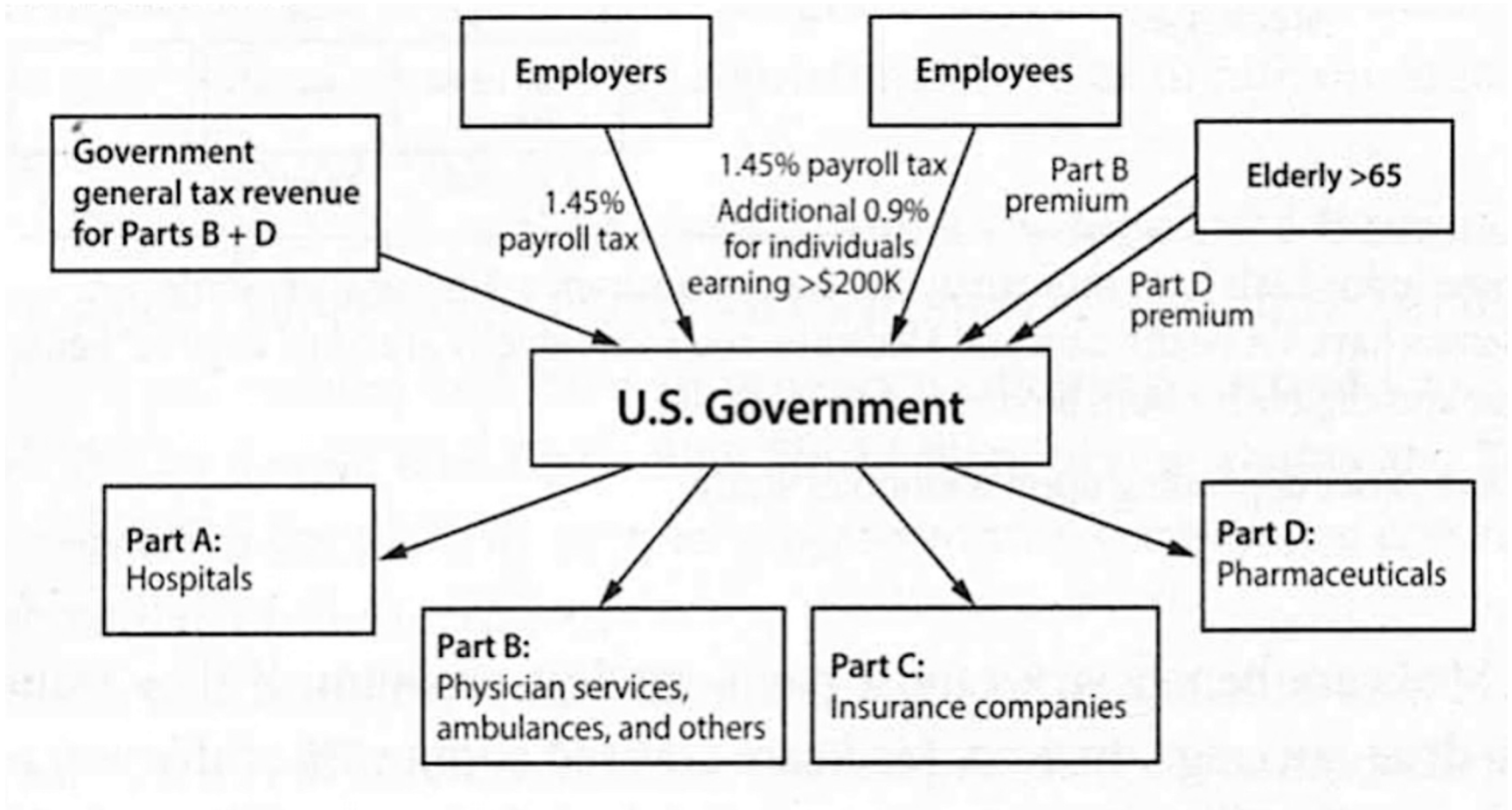
>25% of population.

## Commercial / private Insurance.

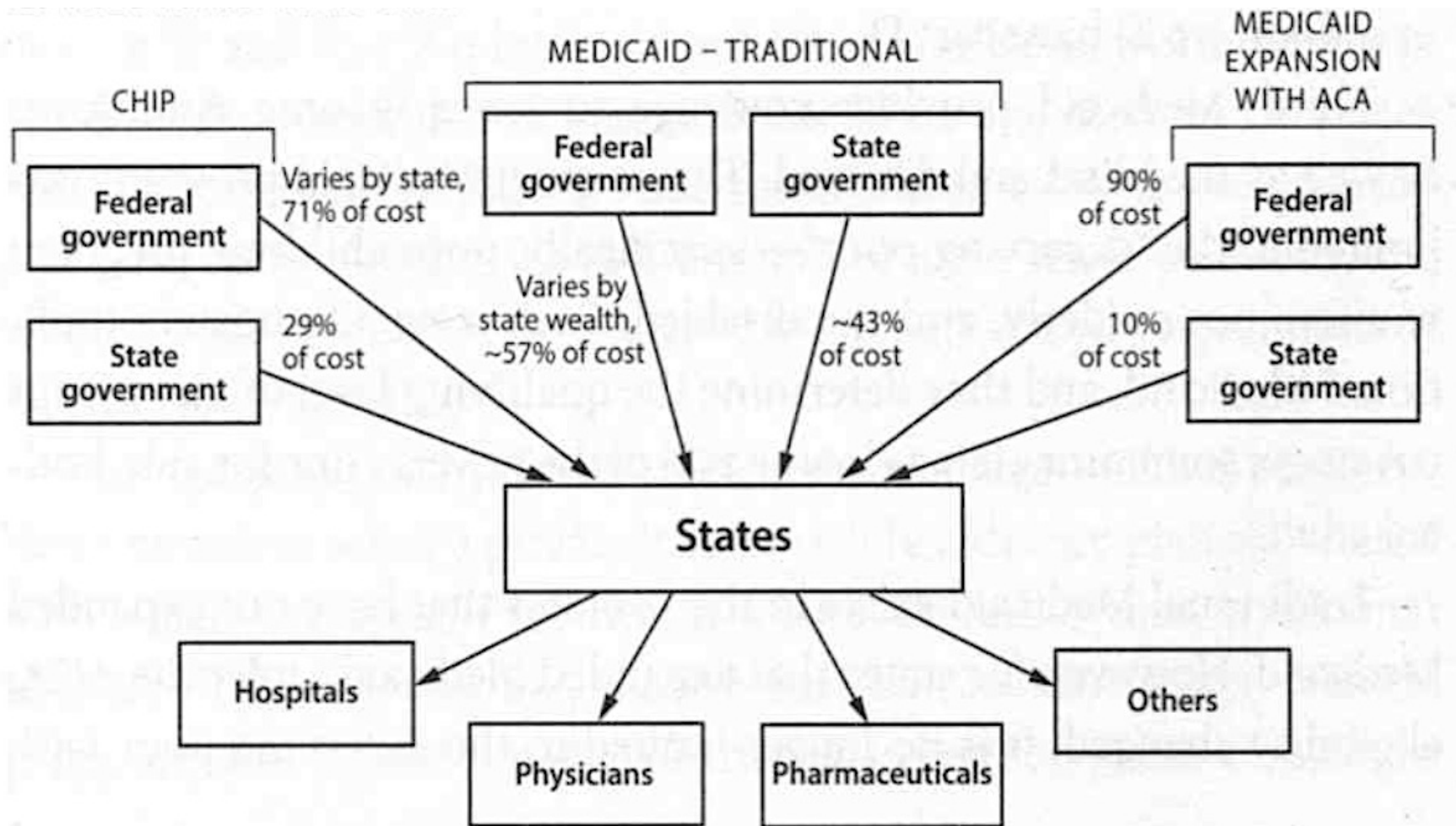
Employers funded and self-pay

Individual purchase

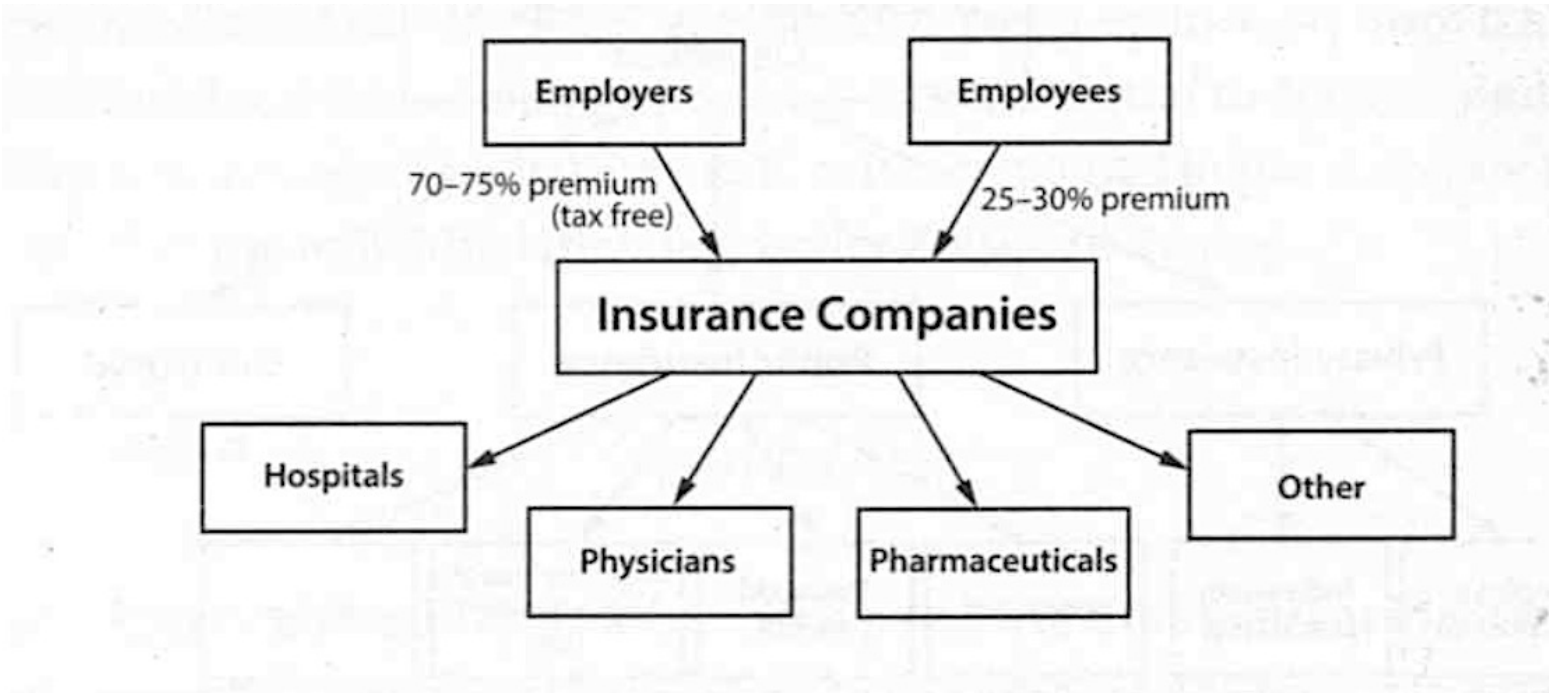
# Medicare



# Medicaid and CHIP



# Private Insurance



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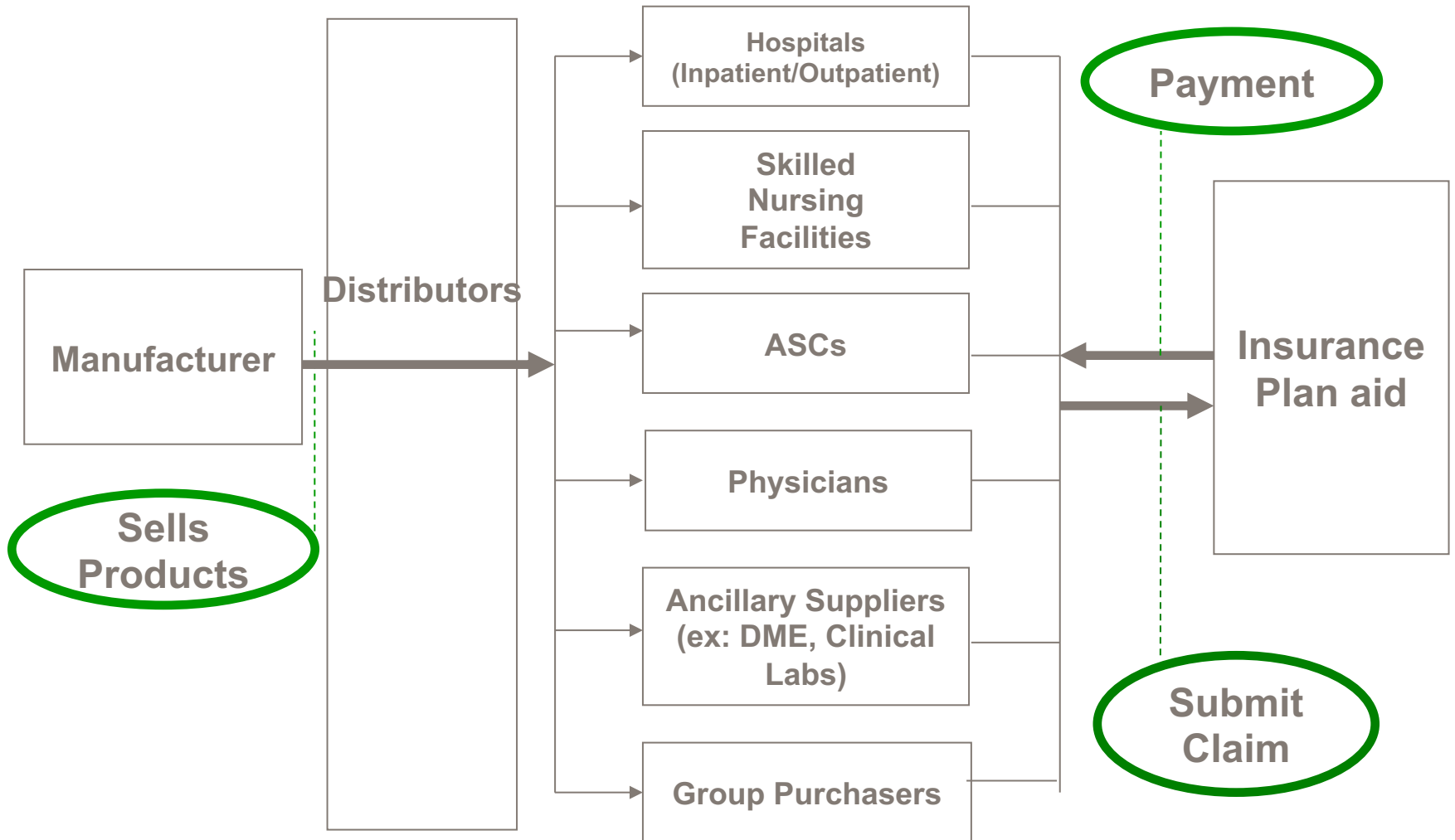
Private health insurance	<b>34%</b>
Medicare	<b>20%</b>
Medicaid (incl. federal and state)	<b>17%</b>
Other health insurance programs <sup>a</sup>	<b>4%</b>
Other 3 <sup>rd</sup> party payers and programs <sup>b</sup>	<b>10%</b>
Out-of-pocket	<b>10%</b>
Investment	<b>5%</b>

a. CHIP, DoD, VA

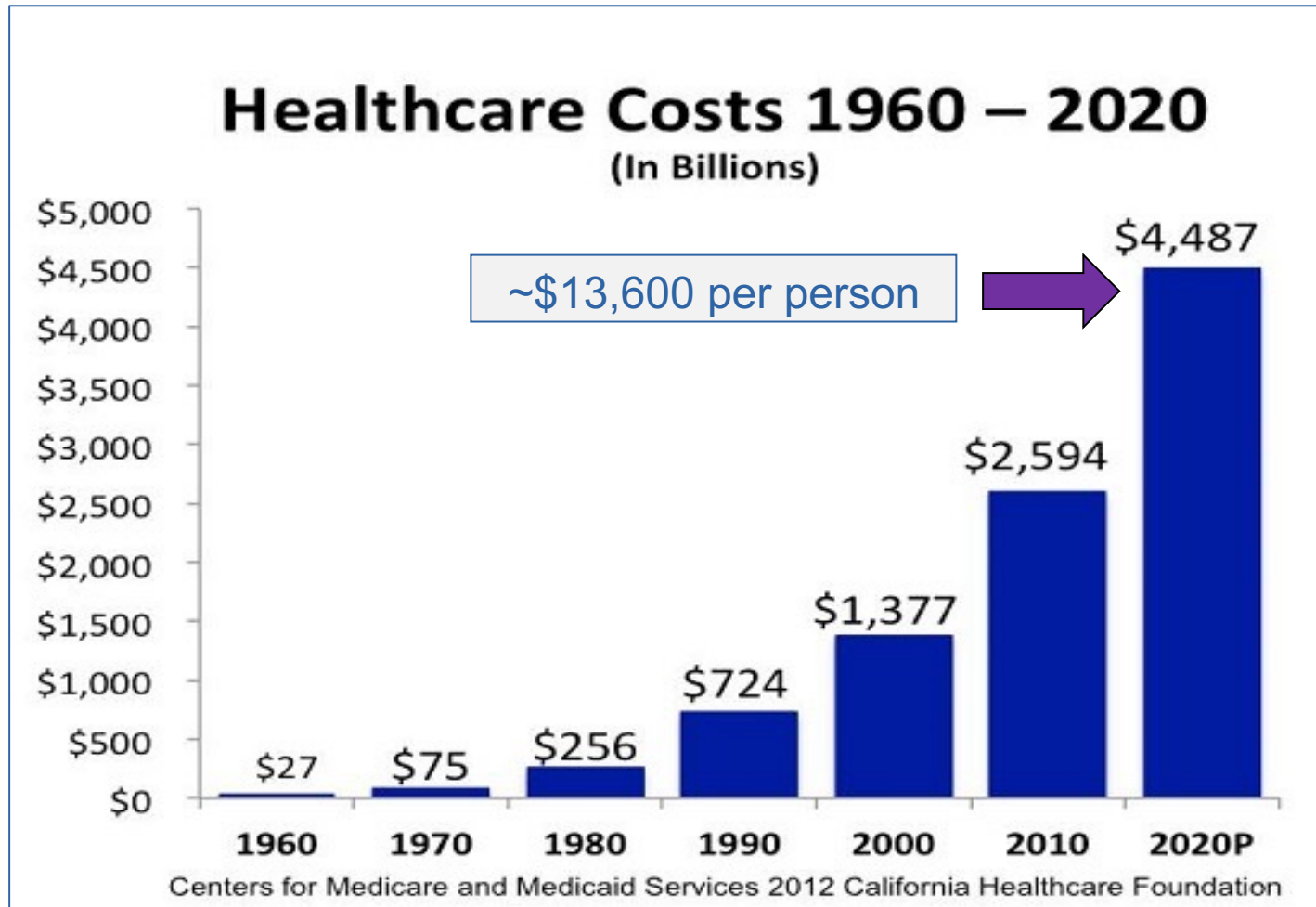
b. Indian Health Service, worker's comp, school health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Admin, etc.

# Payments are Made To Providers, Not to Manufacturers of Medical Devices

*(at times, manufacturers are also the providers)*



# National Healthcare Expenditures (NHE)

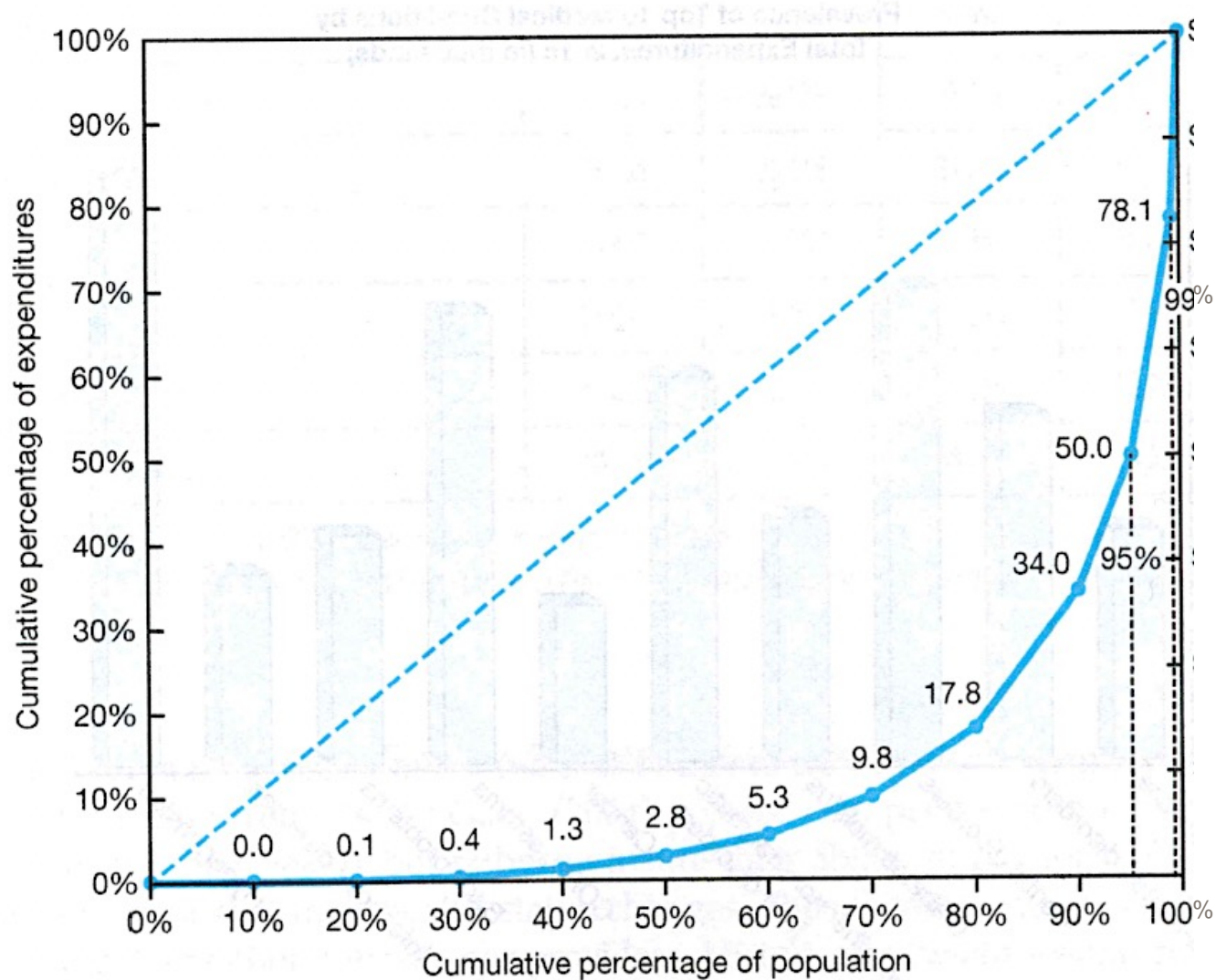




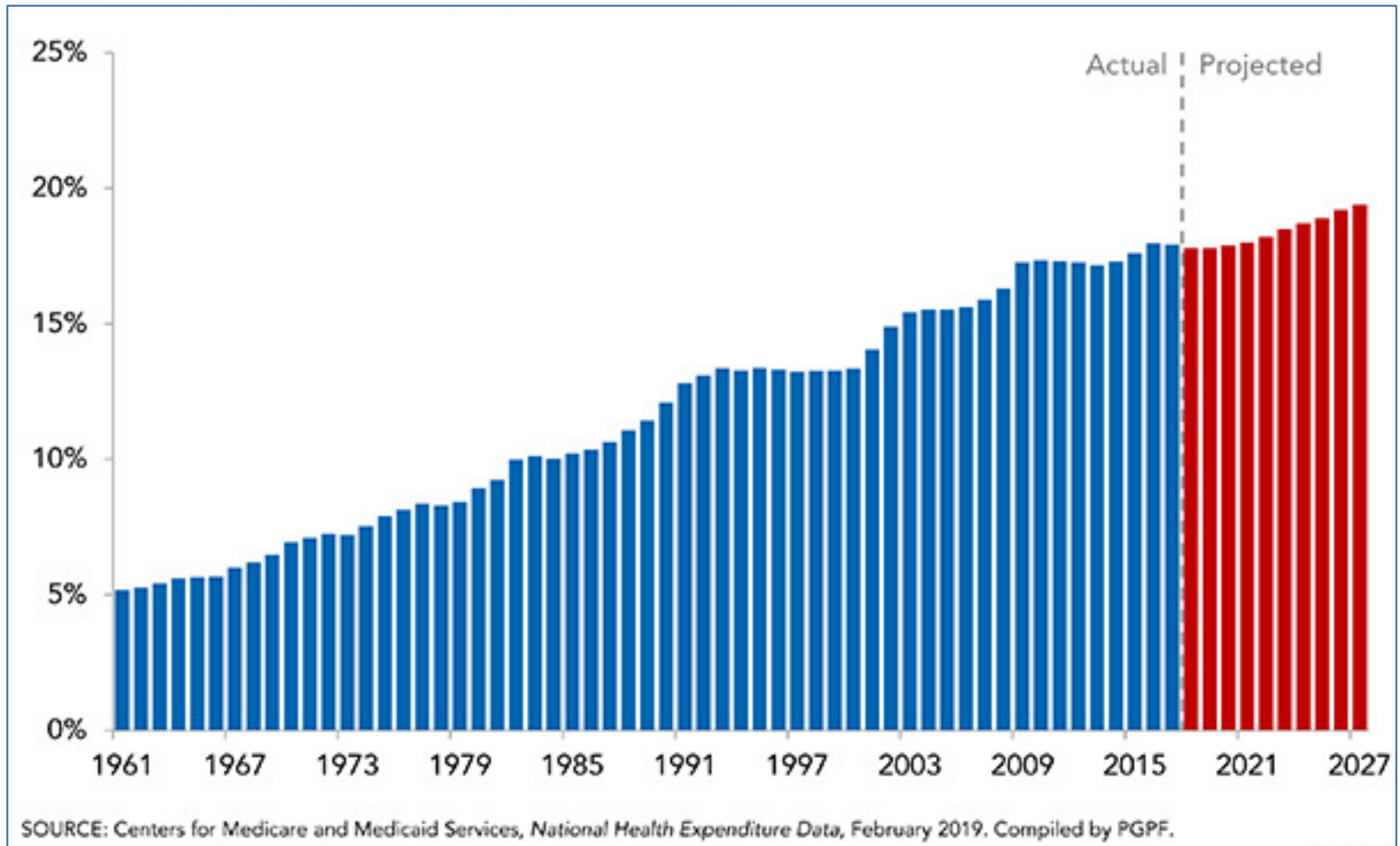
# Where is the Money Spent?

<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital care	33%	<b>~60%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional services	26%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Home & residential healthcare, personal care	8%	<b>~25%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing care facilities and CCRC	5%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drugs	10%	
<input type="checkbox"/> DME and other medical products	3%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance (net)	7%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Government administration and government public health	4%	<b>~10%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Investment (research, facilities)	5%	<b>~5%</b>

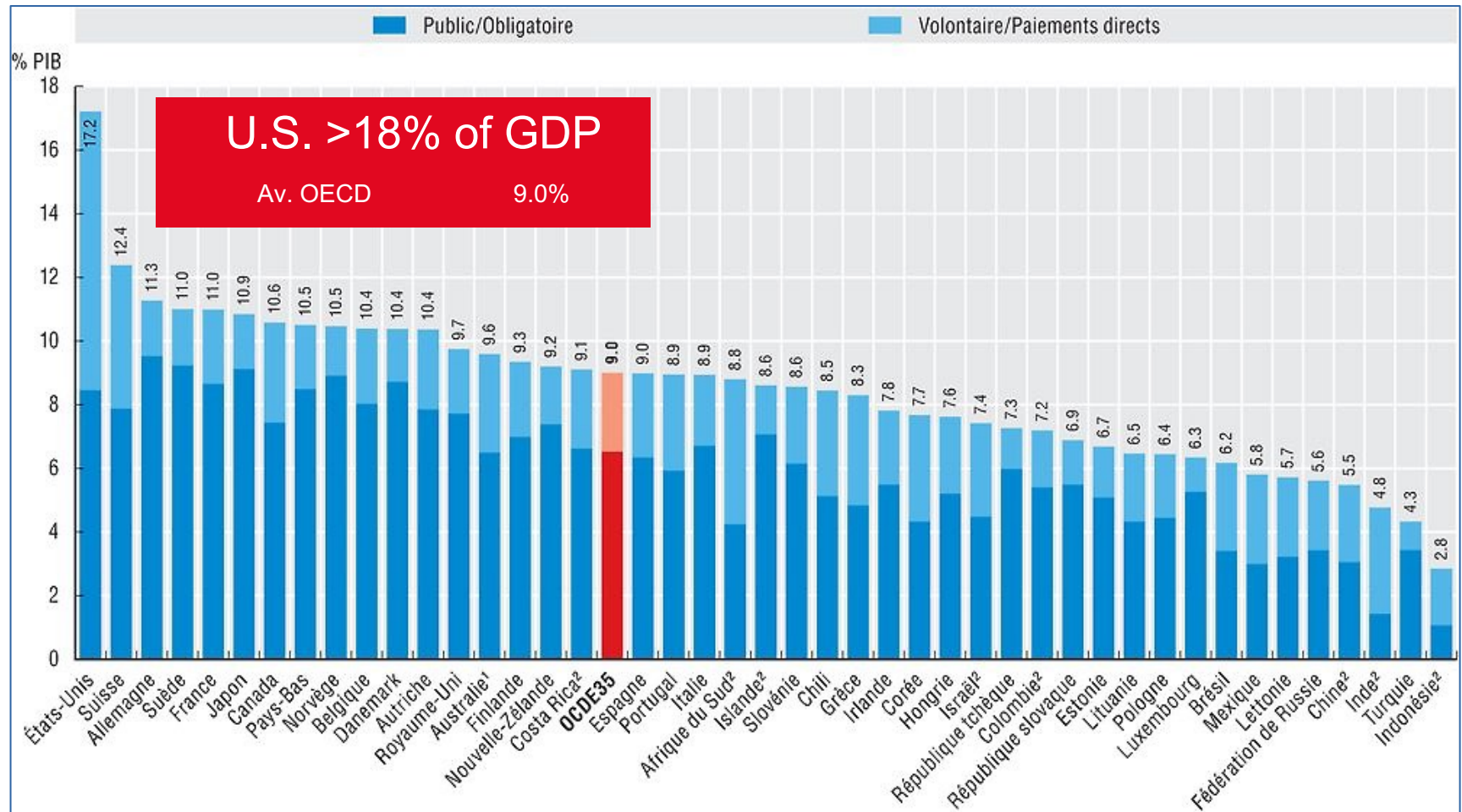
# Concentration of Healthcare Expenditures



# National Health Expenditures (% of GDP)



# U.S. vs. OECD



# U.S. System is Unique

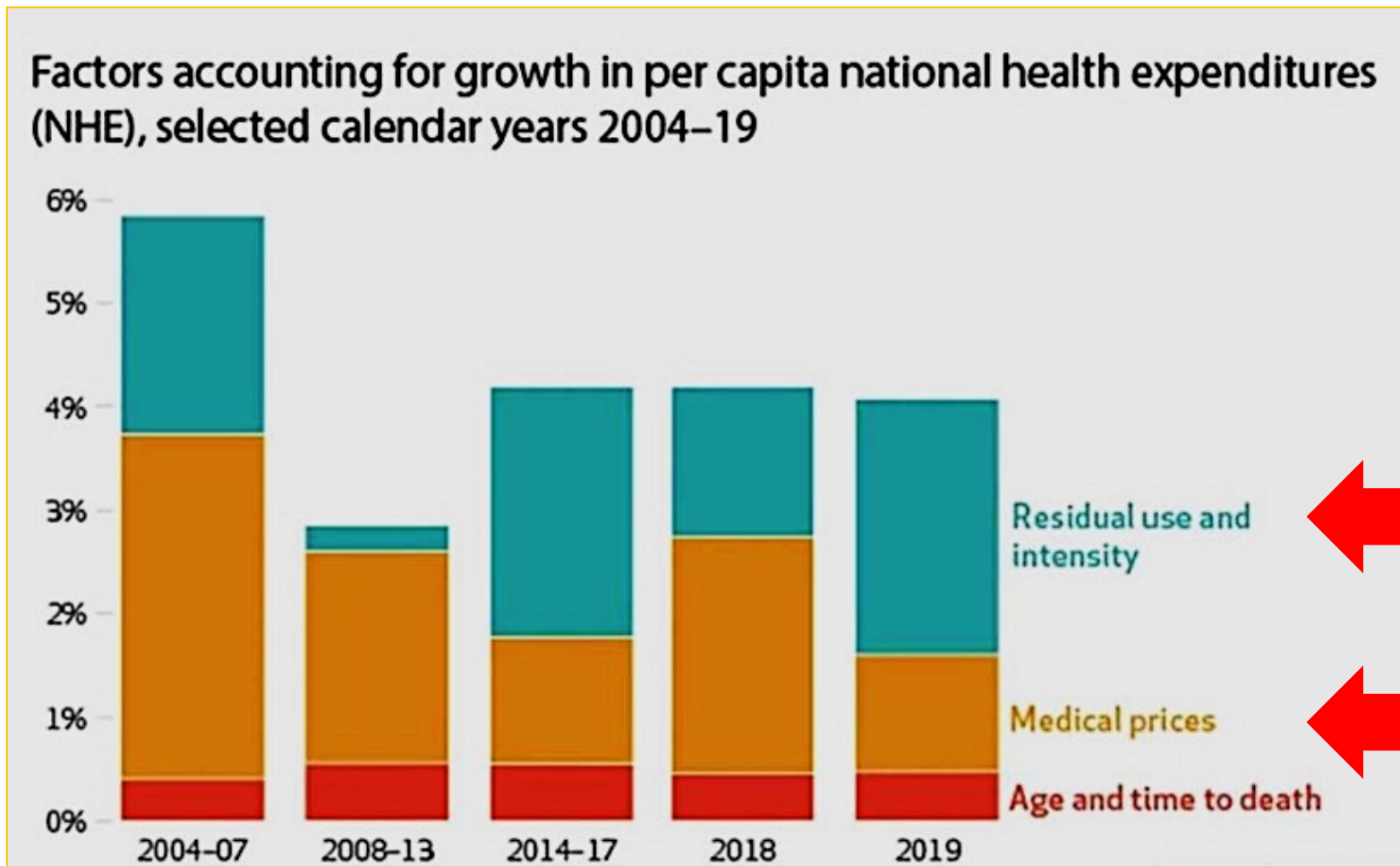
- Highly complex system
- No single entity paying for or operating the healthcare system.
- No single-payer system; numerous sources of funding for healthcare services, including multiple private and public entities.
- Decentralized healthcare, with a mix of private and government organizations providing, paying and setting policy for health care.
- Private organizations of providers and payers, including nonprofit and for-profit.
- Nonprofit insurance companies converting to for-profit.

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*The American healthcare system is a patchwork of different arrangements and is very confusing to navigate...*

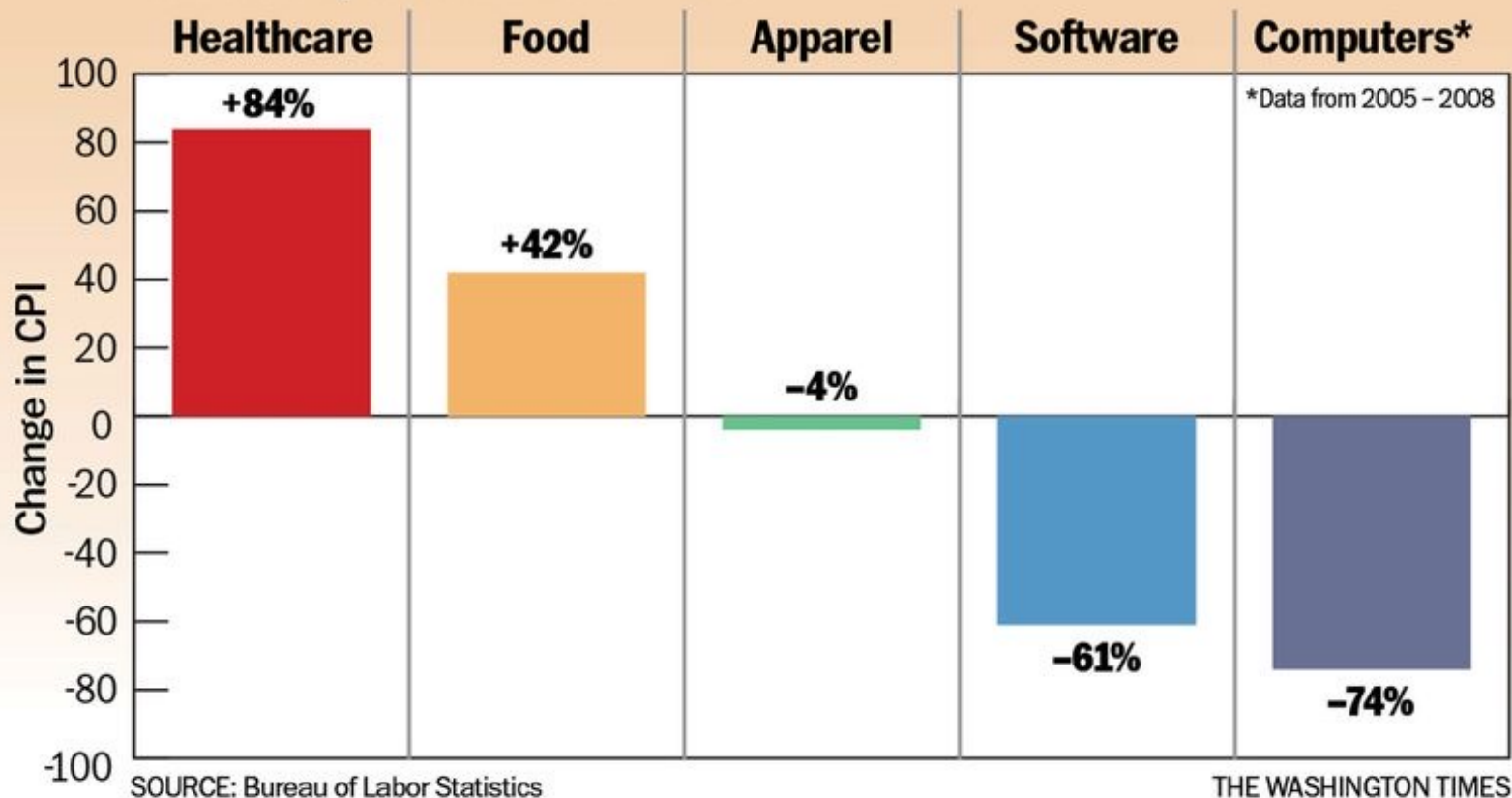
*“Which Country Has the World’s Best Health Care?”, Ezekiel Emanuel*

# Health Expenditures Growth Drivers



# HEALTH COSTS OUT OF CONTROL

Inflation by sector 2000 - 2018





## Since 2008, General Annual Deductibles for Covered Workers Have Increased Eight Times as Fast as Wages

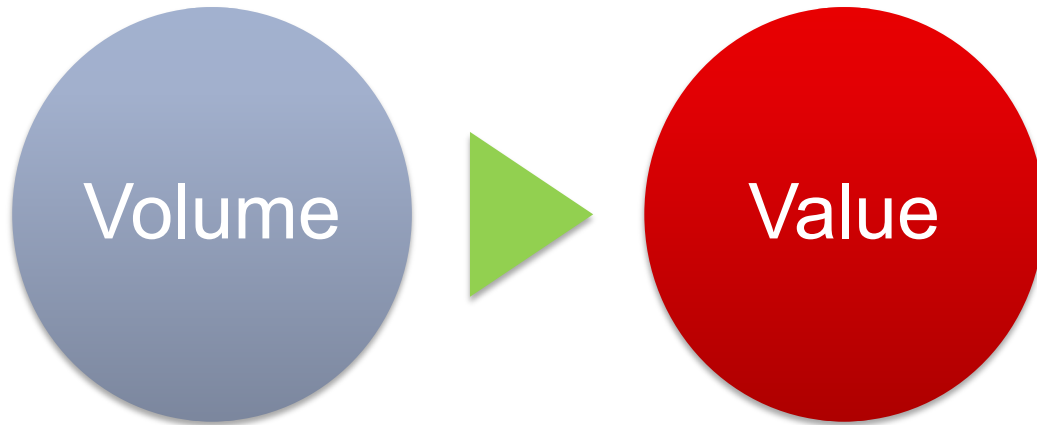


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# Change is Underway

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## Current payment structures

- 'Do more', no incentive for efficiency
  - **Fee-for-service**
  - **Fixed price**
  - Cost-plus
  - Hourly (time + material); per diem
- 'Do less', no incentive for quality
  - **Capitation**



*“We are moving to a system that rewards value over volume”.*

*Paying for value will foster innovation, as providers look for ways to compete by providing the highest quality care at the lowest cost.”*

# What Constitutes Value?

*“Value is measured by patient health outcomes per dollar spent”*

$$\text{Value} = \frac{\text{Quality (Outcomes, Safety, Service)}}{\text{Cost}}$$

## Quality improvements (examples):

- Prevention of illness
- Early detection
- Right diagnosis
- Right treatment to the right patient
- Rapid cycle time of diagnosis and treatment
- Fewer invasive treatments
- Fewer complications
- Fewer mistakes and repeat treatments
- Faster and more complete recovery
- Less need for long-term care
- Fewer recurrences
- Reduced need for ER visits
- Slower disease progression

# Many Reforms and Initiatives are Being Evaluated

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- **Accountable Care Organizations (ACO).** Shift from fragmented and inconsistent care to coordinated care and measured performance
  - **Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program.** Reward value and patient outcomes, instead of just volume of services
  - **Reduced Payments for Hospital Acquired Conditions.** Stop paying for certain conditions developed while the patient is hospitalized
  - **Hospitals Readmission Reduction Program.** Reduce payments to acute care hospitals with excess readmission
  - **Risk sharing**
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# The Take Home Message

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# The Emerging Landscape

Past

Future

Volume based incentives

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Value based / outcomes

Fee-for-service

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Bundled care

Payers assume financial risk

→

Payers & providers share risk

Devices selected by physician

→

System decisions

*Clinical, operations, marketing, economics*

Failure to **understand early in the project life cycle**  
your roadmap beyond regulatory approval...

**Past**



Not a big deal

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**Yesterday**



Bad practice

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**Today**



Business malpractice

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# When Should We Start Identifying Our Target Market?

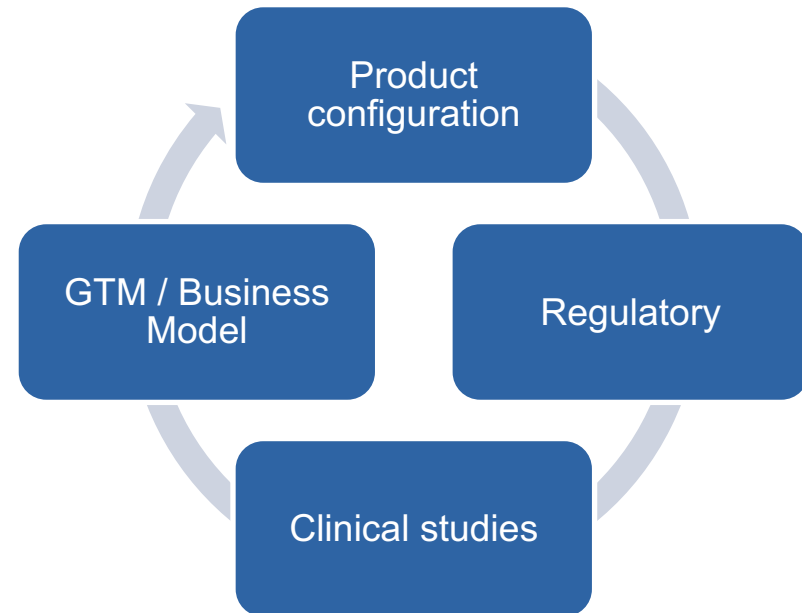
- The success of a company is predicated upon demonstration of market adoption of the technology, or at the minimum, convincing investors, partners and acquirers that it is on track to gain adoption.



- Adoption requires **COMPREHENSIVE** understanding of the target market



- Defining the optimal market enables the development of coherent strategy.



**Sooner the better...**

