

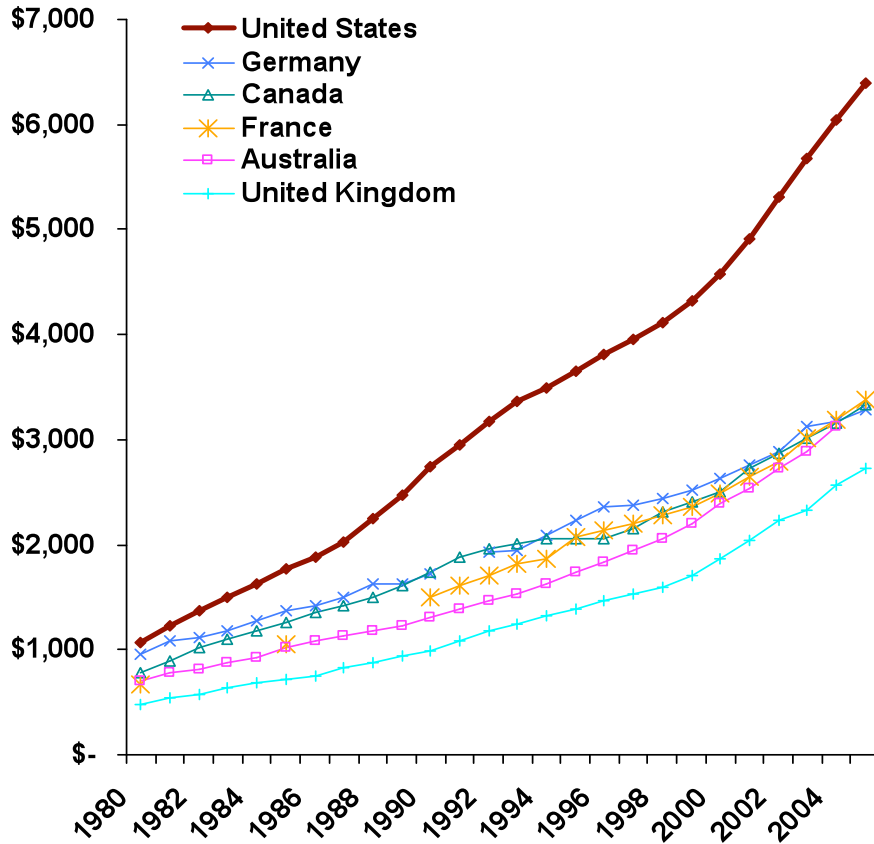


# Medicaid: Health Reform Leader or Laggard?

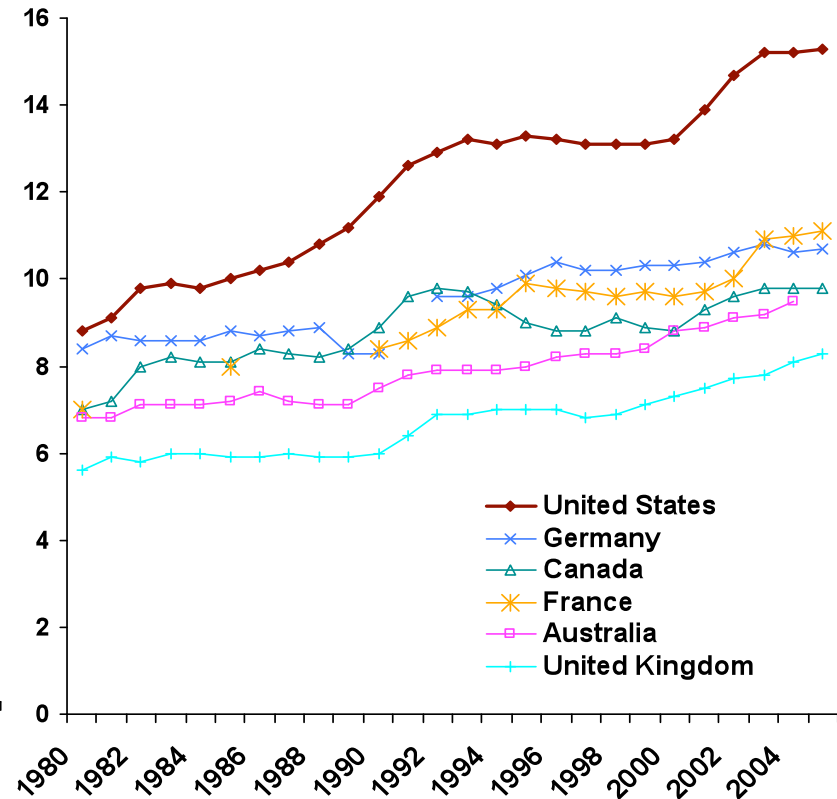
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## Average spending on health per capita (\$US PPP\*)



## Total expenditures on health as percent of GDP



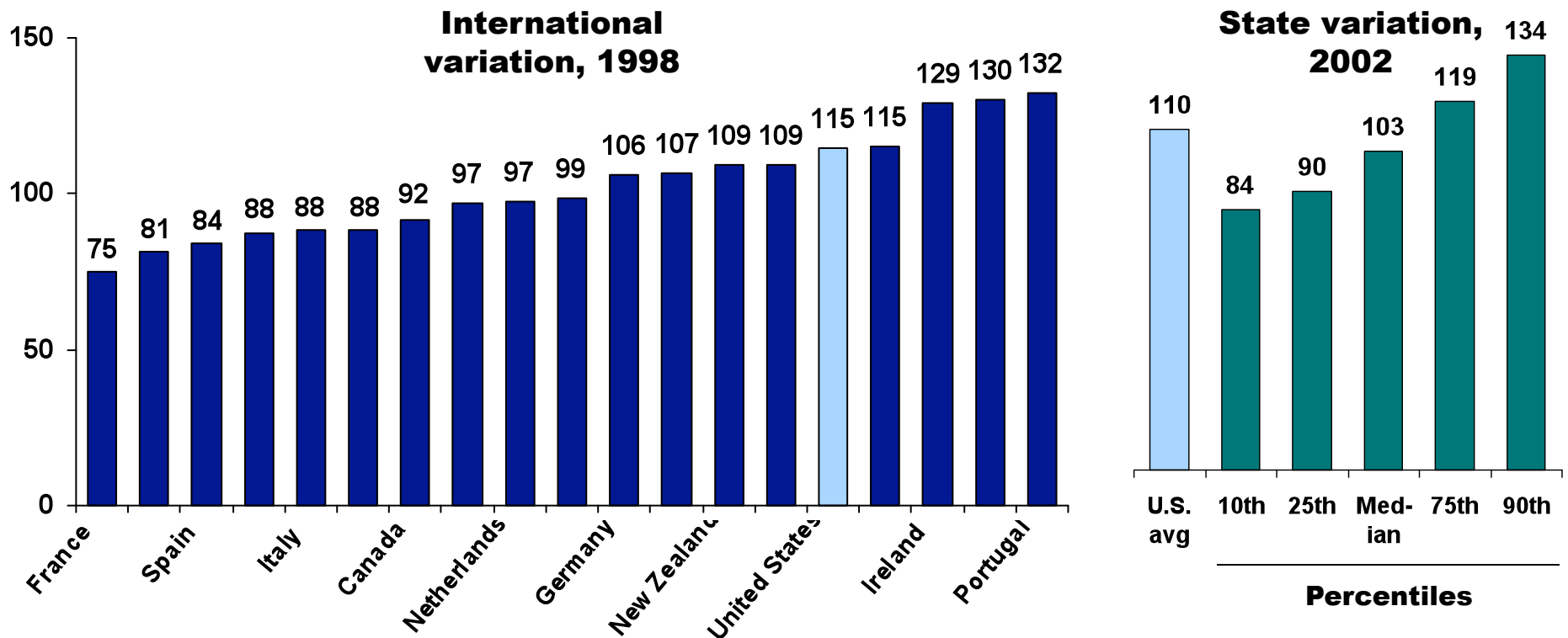
\* PPP=Purchasing Power Parity.  
Data: OECD Health Data 2007, Version 10/2007.

Source: Commonwealth Fund National Scorecard on U.S. Health System Performance, 2008

# Mortality Amenable to Health Care

**Mortality from causes considered amenable to health care is deaths before age 75 that are potentially preventable with timely and appropriate medical care**

**Deaths per 100,000 population\***



\* Countries' age-standardized death rates, ages 0–74; includes ischemic heart disease.  
See Technical Appendix for list of conditions considered amenable to health care in the analysis.

Source: Commonwealth Fund National Scorecard on U.S. Health System Performance, 2006.

Data: International estimates—World Health Organization, WHO mortality database (Nolte and McKee 2003);

State estimates—K. Hempstead, Rutgers University using Nolte and McKee methodology.

## Percentage of Sicker Adults Who Reported Gaps in Efficiency/Coordination of Care, International Comparison, 2005

<i>Key: Lower rates are better (gold = best and red = worst country performance)</i>	<b>AUS</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>NZ</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>US</b>
<b>Records/results did not reach doctor's office in time for appointment (past 2 years)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Doctor ordered test that patient thought was unnecessary because it had already been done (past 2 years)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Went to emergency room for condition that could have been treated by regular doctor if available (past 2 years)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>

Data: 2005 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey (Schoen, C. et al. 2005. *Health Affairs* Web Exclusive W5-509-25). AUS = Australia; CAN = Canada; GER = Germany; NZ = New Zealand; UK = United Kingdom; US = United States. Sicker adults have a high incidence of chronic disease and recent intensive use of health care. Source: McCarthy and Leatherman, *Performance Snapshots*, 2006. [www.cmwf.org/snapshots](http://www.cmwf.org/snapshots)



## Percentage of Primary Care Physicians Who Reported Gaps in Efficiency/Coordination of Care, International Comparison, 2006

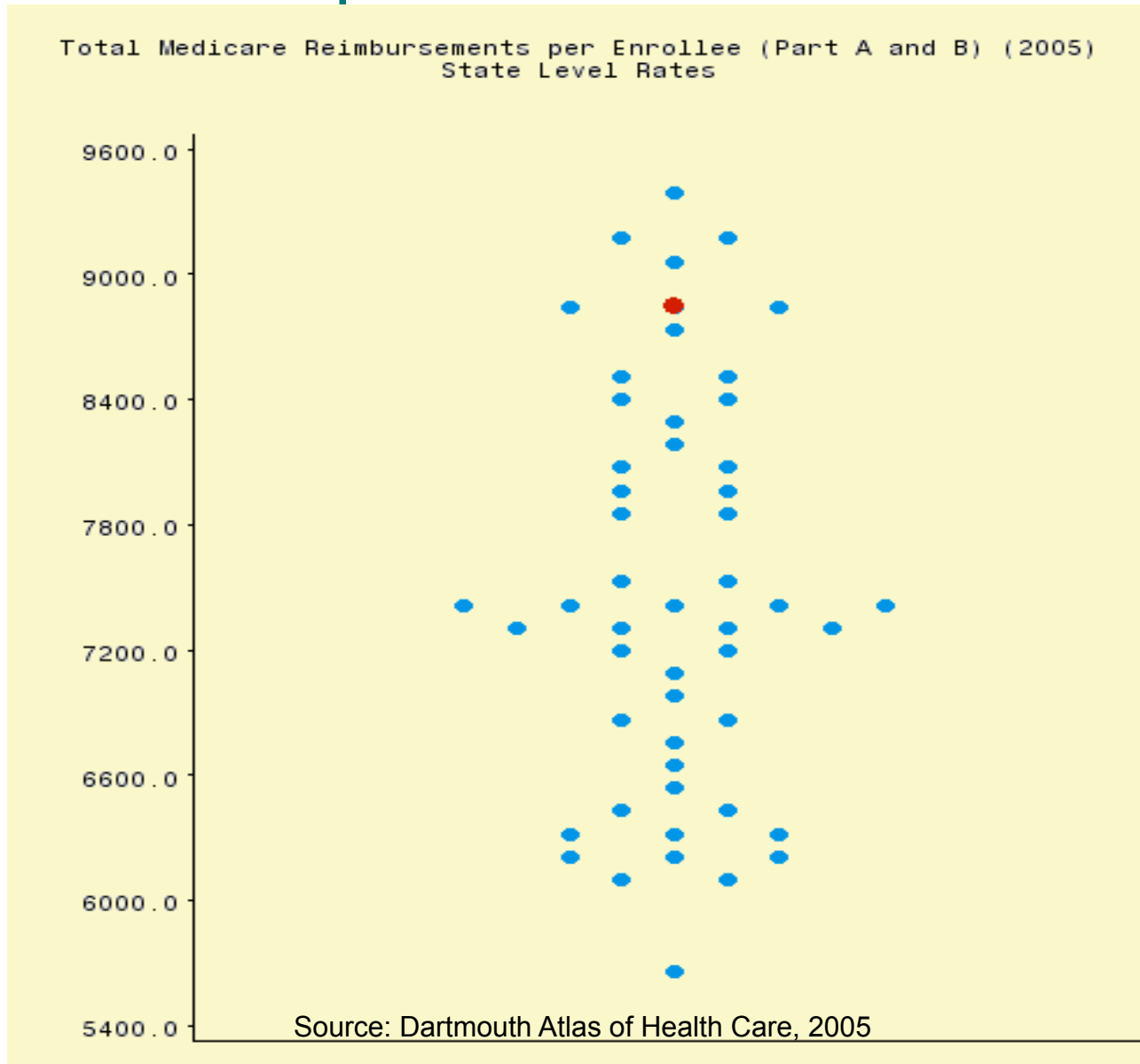
<i>Key: Lower rates are better (gold = best and red = worst performance)</i>	AUS	CAN	GER	NETH	NZ	UK	US
<b>Records/clinical information not available at time of appointment</b>	28	42	11	16	28	36	40
<b>Tests/procedures repeated because findings unavailable</b>	10	20	5	7	14	27	16
<b>Problems because care was not well coordinated across sites/providers</b>	39	46	22	47	49	65	37

Data: 2006 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey (Schoen, C. et al. 2006. *Health Affairs* Web Exclusive W555-509-71). AUS = Australia; CAN = Canada; GER = Germany; NETH = Netherlands; NZ = New Zealand; UK = United Kingdom; US = United States. Responses included "often" or "sometimes."

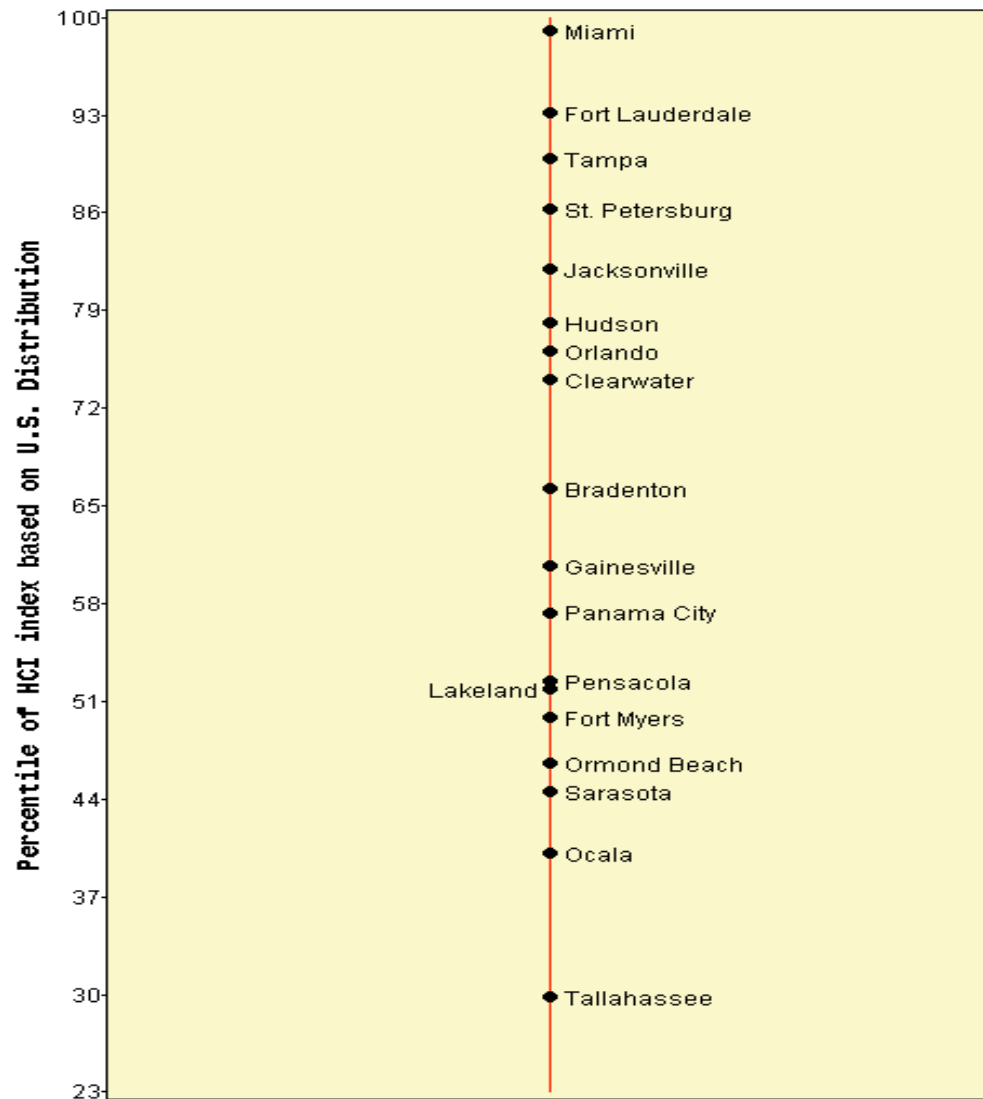
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# Medicare Reimbursements per Enrollee: Florida compared to other States



# Use and Intensity of Hospitals



Source: Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care, 2005

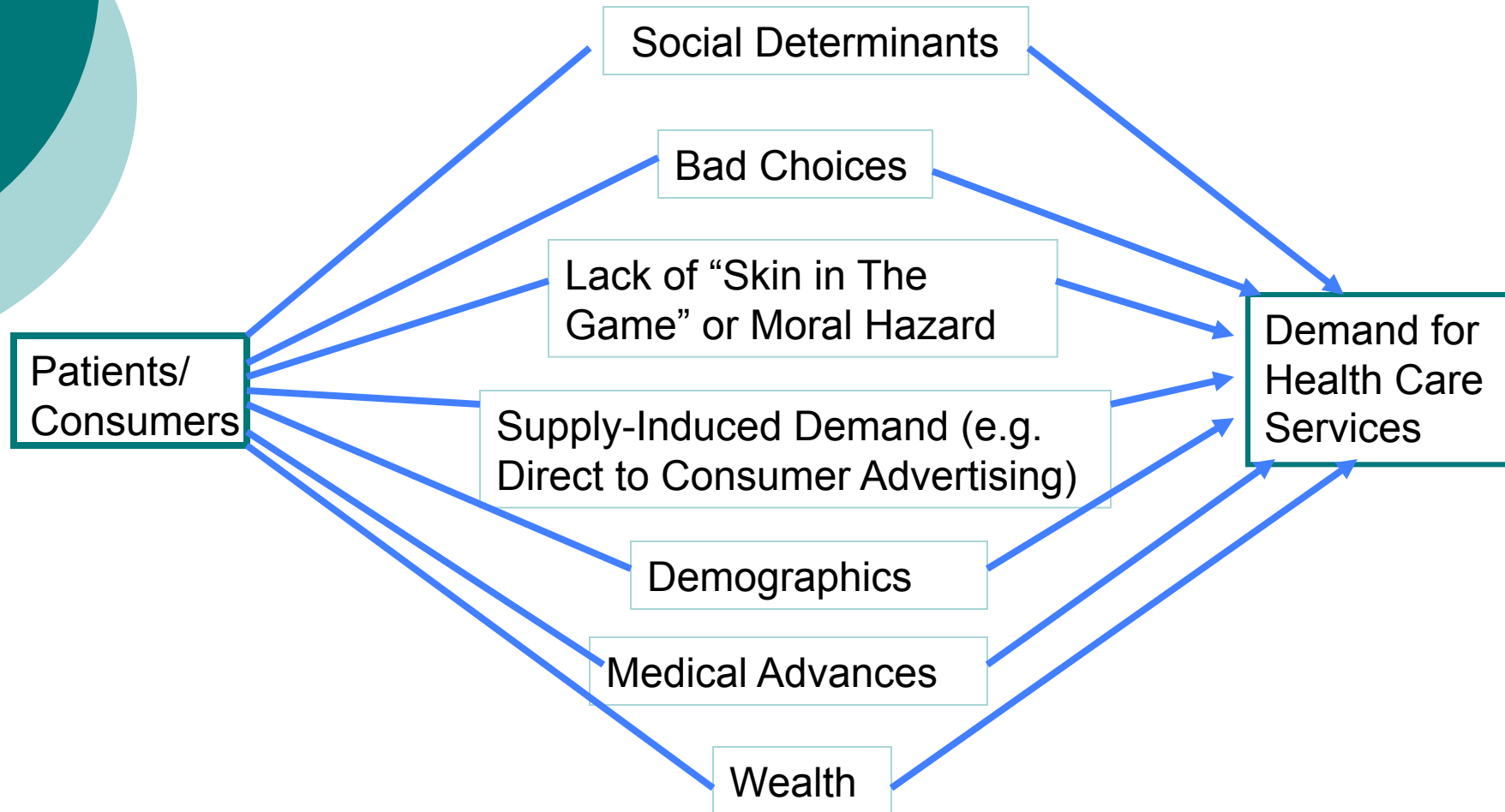


## Florida: Fraud in the Headlines

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- *"Rampant Medicare fraud suspected in Miami"* --USA Today, 10/05/2008
- *"Plea Deal: Fraud Involved Tampa-Based WellCare"* --Tampa Bay Online, 10/07/2008
- *"St. Lucie-based health care provider accused of Medicaid fraud"* --TCPalm, 10/03/2008
- *"Two Miami Physicians Plead Guilty and Admit Ordering \$6.8 Million Worth of Unnecessary HIV Infusion Treatments"*  
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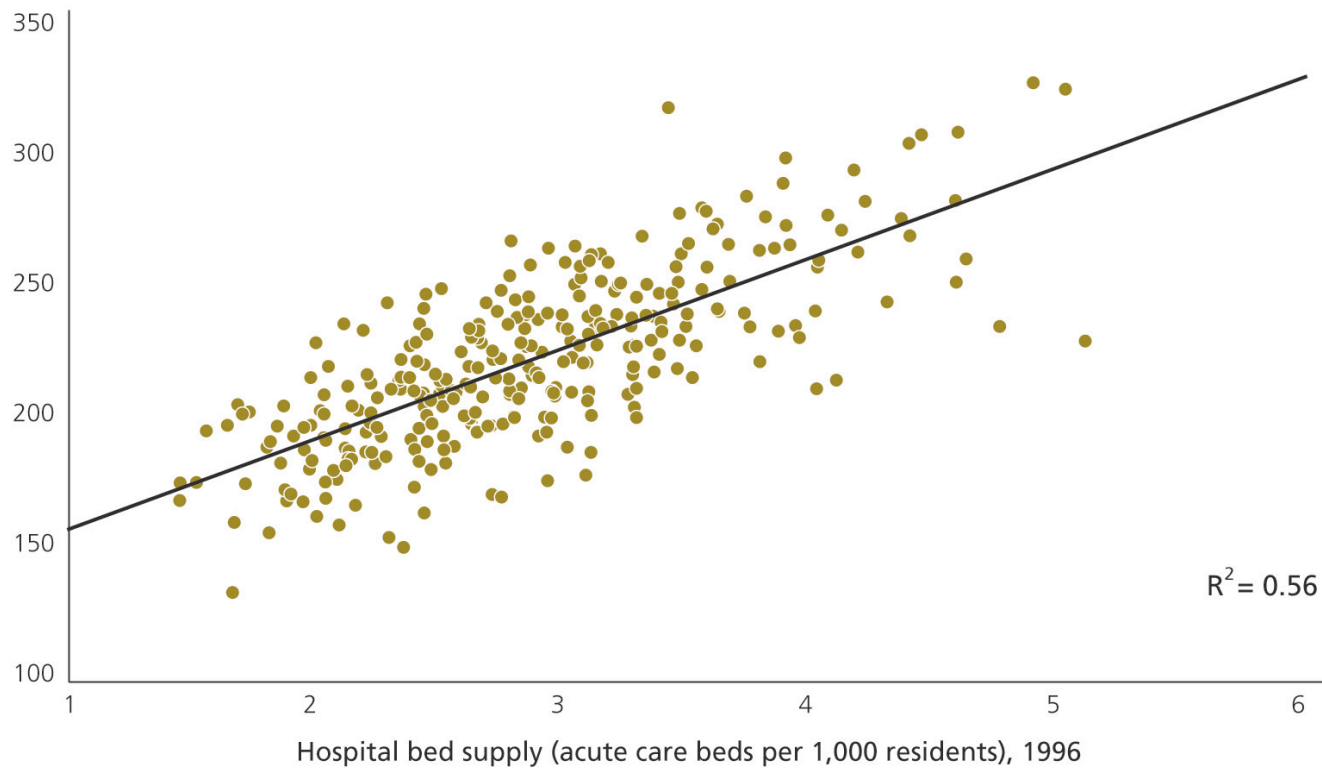
# What Drives Demand?



# Supply Drives Demand

Figure 6. Association between hospital bed supply and adjusted hospitalization rate, 1995–1996

Adjusted\* hospitalization rate (per 1,000 Medicare enrollees), 1995–96

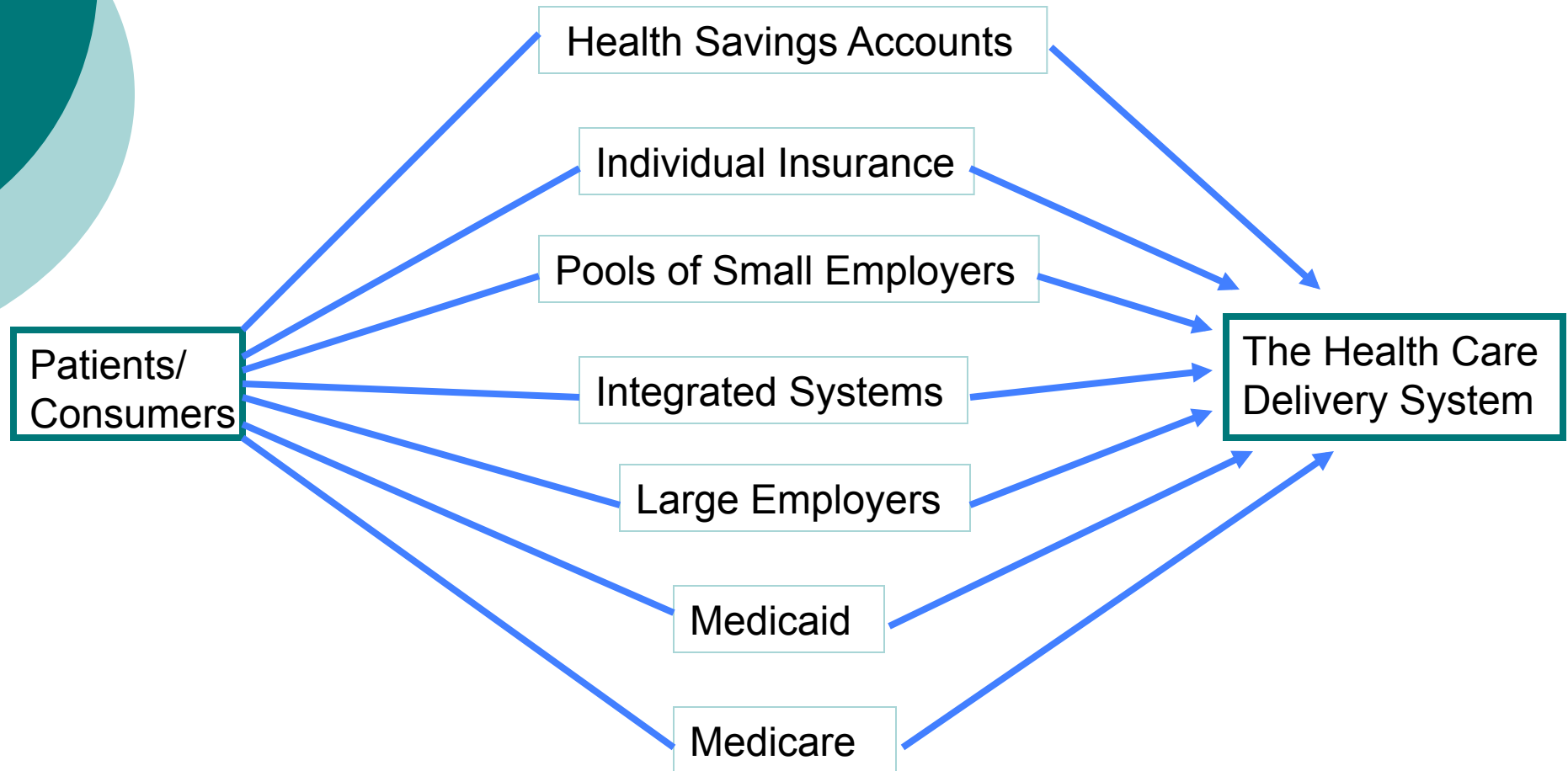


\*Adjusted for sex, race and health status

Source: Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care, 1999

# How Do We Get Change?

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# The Clout Conundrum

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- The more you “empower” people to exert market forces, the more you expose the sick, the poor, and the less sophisticated to risks that directly affect their health.
- The greater the potential role a public purchaser could play in transforming the health care delivery system, the smaller the likelihood it will actually play that role.

# Medicaid Expenditures in Florida

