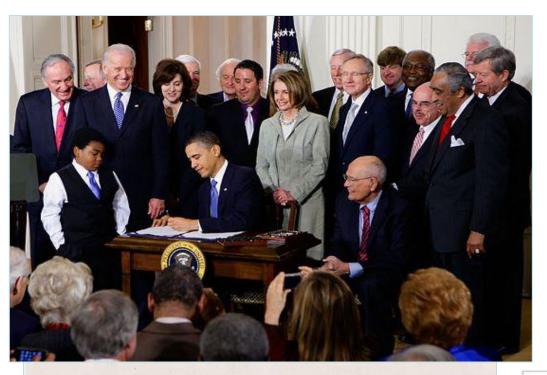
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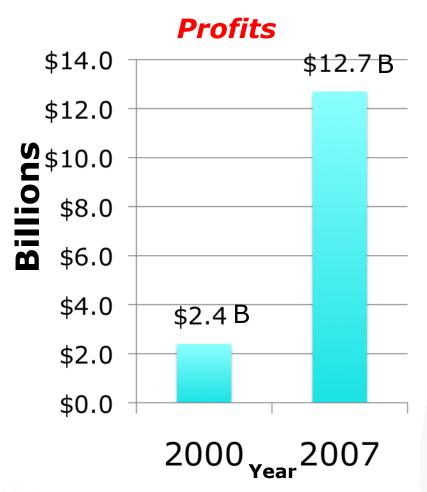


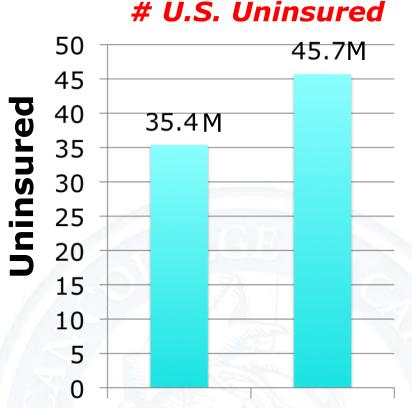
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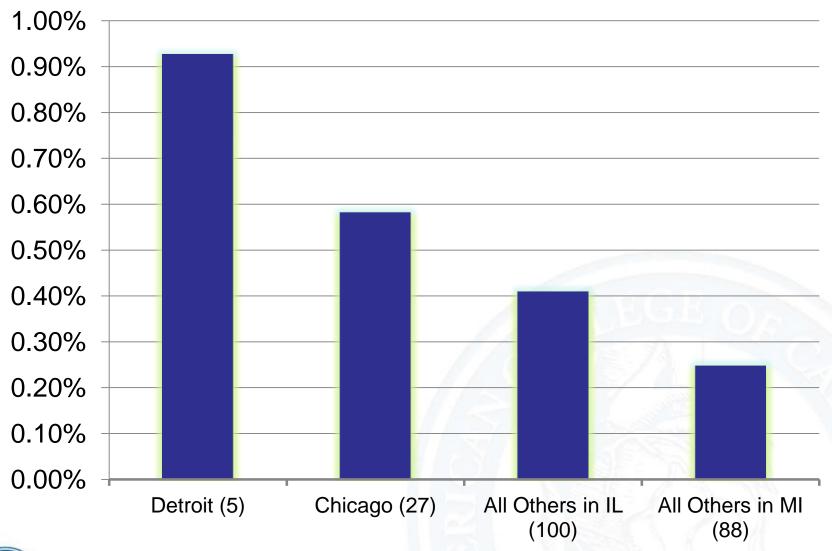
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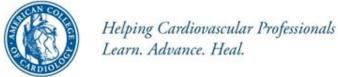
- Medicaid expansion (altered by Supreme Court decision to preclude matching fund penalties)
- Coverage of children up to 26 years old
- Requirement for most firms to cover fulltime employees or pay penalty (50 or more employees)
- Availability of standardized insurance programs through marketplaces/exchanges (starting 2014)

Value-based Purchasing

- Adjustment to payment to physicians based on quality and cost of care starting in 2015 for some by 2017 for all
- Public reporting of quality data on hospitals and physicians
- Penalties for hospitals with high readmission rates (starting with HF, AMI, pneumonia)

Average Readmission Penalty 2013





Transparency/Ownership

- Drug/device companies must report payments made to physicians (Sunshine act)
- Disclosure of ownership of in-office ancillary services of advanced imaging (CT, PET, MRI)
- No new physician-owned hospitals (after March, 2010)
- Expansion of recovery audit programs (which have focused on cardiovascular procedures in hospitals)

New Entities

- Independent Payment Advisory Board (not established yet due to declining growth in healthcare expenses)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test new payment methodologies
- Patient-Centered Outcome Research
 Institute (PCORI: 71 awards, totaling more than
 \$114 million over 3 years, to fund patient-centered
 comparative clinical effectiveness research)

Not Part of ACA

- Payment cuts to cardiology in 2010-2013 (resulted from regulatory changes)
- Repeal of the SGR formula
- Tort Reform

