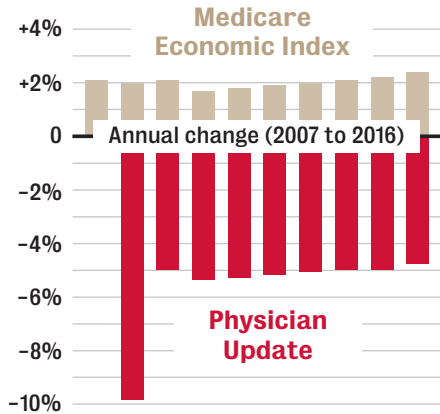


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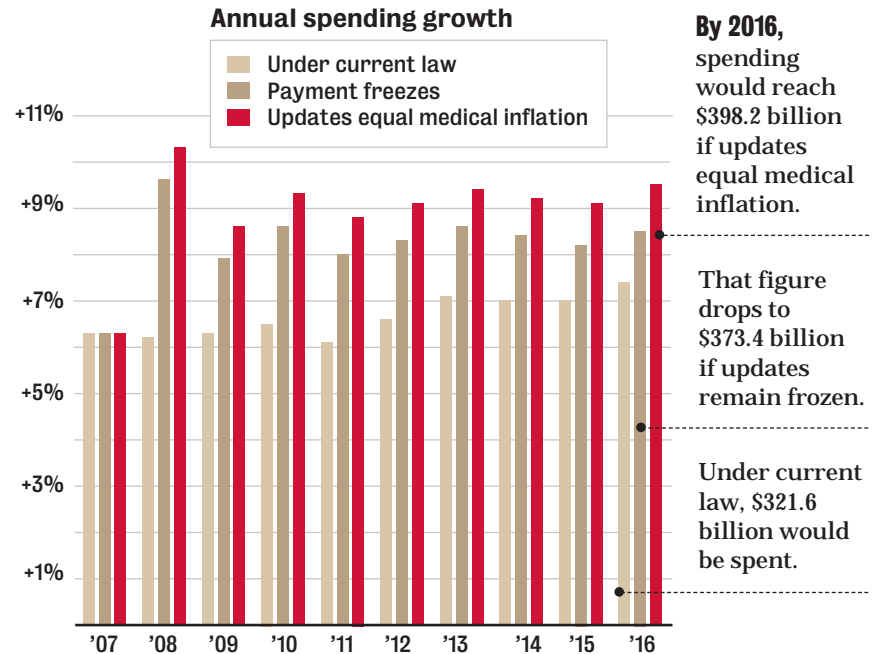
Physicians could face years of reimbursement cuts while their costs continue to rise.



SOURCE: 2007 MEDICARE TRUSTEES REPORT

PART B POSSIBILITIES

Annual spending growth under Medicare Part B is projected to average about 6.6% over the next 10 years under current law. Medicare trustees asked CMS to consider two other scenarios — payment freezes and increases mirroring medical inflation, expected to be about 2% annually.



By 2016, spending would reach \$398.2 billion if updates equal medical inflation.

That figure drops to \$373.4 billion if updates remain frozen.

Under current law, \$321.6 billion would be spent.

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