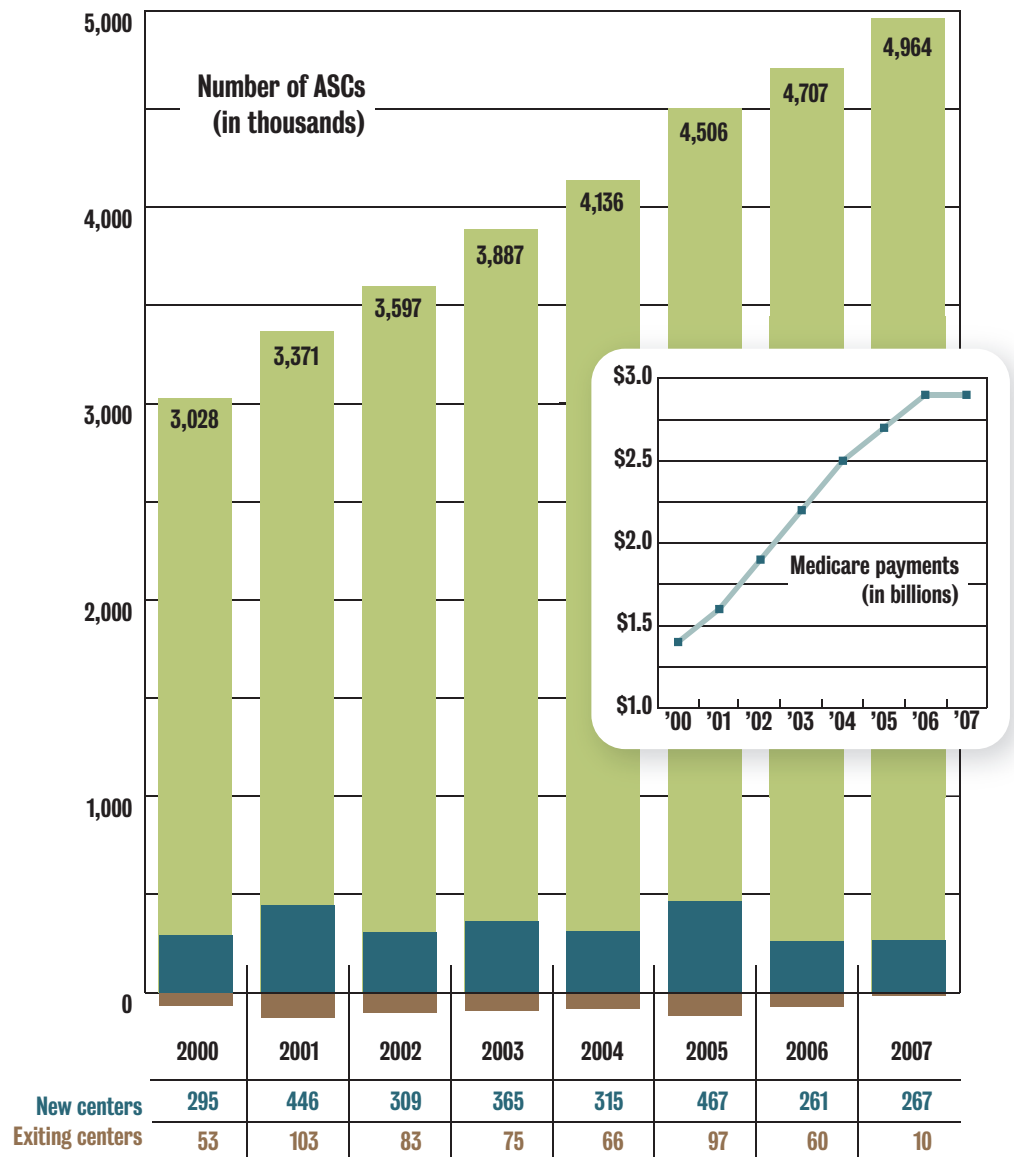


ON THE RISE

The number of Medicare-certified ambulatory surgery centers jumped 64% from 2000 to 2007, according to Congress' Medicare advisers. The amount the program spends on ASC services has more than doubled over that period.

SOURCE: "A DATA BOOK: HEALTHCARE SPENDING AND THE MEDICARE PROGRAM," MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, JUNE 2008. "AMBULATORY SURGERY IN THE UNITED STATES, 2006," NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION



4,964

Number of Medicare-certified ASCs in 2007

Less than **1%** of patients treated at ASCs were later admitted to hospitals as inpatients.

4% of ASCs are nonprofit.

\$2.9 billion

Medicare payments made to ASCs in 2007

Two-thirds

of operations performed in 2006 were outpatient.

43%

of outpatient procedures were performed at ASCs.

267

Number of new ASCs in 2007

43 minutes

Average amount of time spent in the operating room during ASC visits

88% of ASCs are in urban areas.