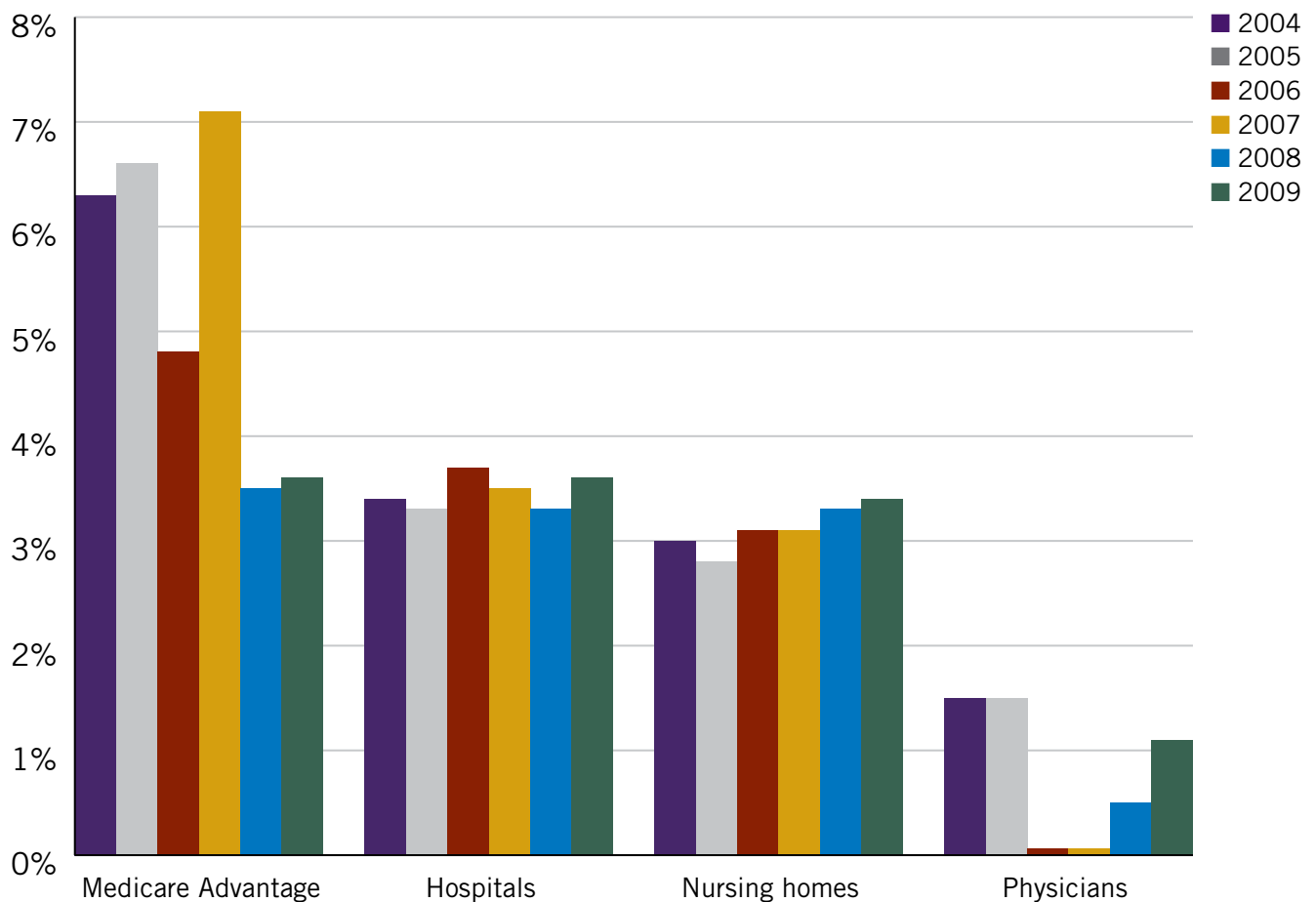


Physicians vs other providers: 2004–2009 Medicare payment updates

Physicians received below-inflation updates for several years, zero percent updates in 2006 and 2007, and they face a 21 percent cut in 2010, while other Medicare providers' payment updates continue to keep pace with their costs.



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