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# **An Ambitious Agenda for the Next President**

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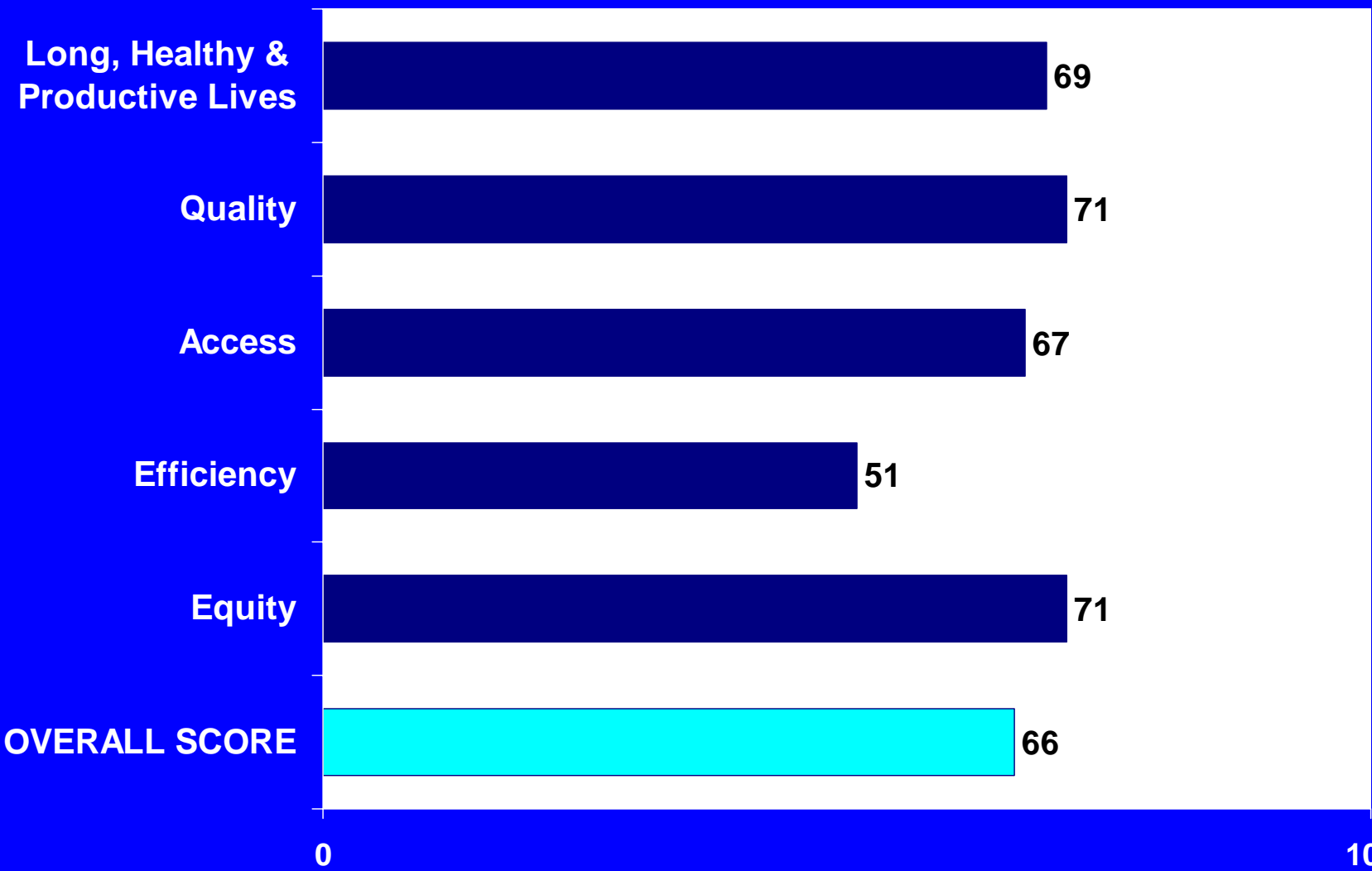
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# Five Key Strategies

- **Affordable Coverage for All**
- **Cost Control & Payment System Reform**
- **Higher Quality and Efficiency**
- **Accountable, Organized Care**
- **Accountable National Leadership**



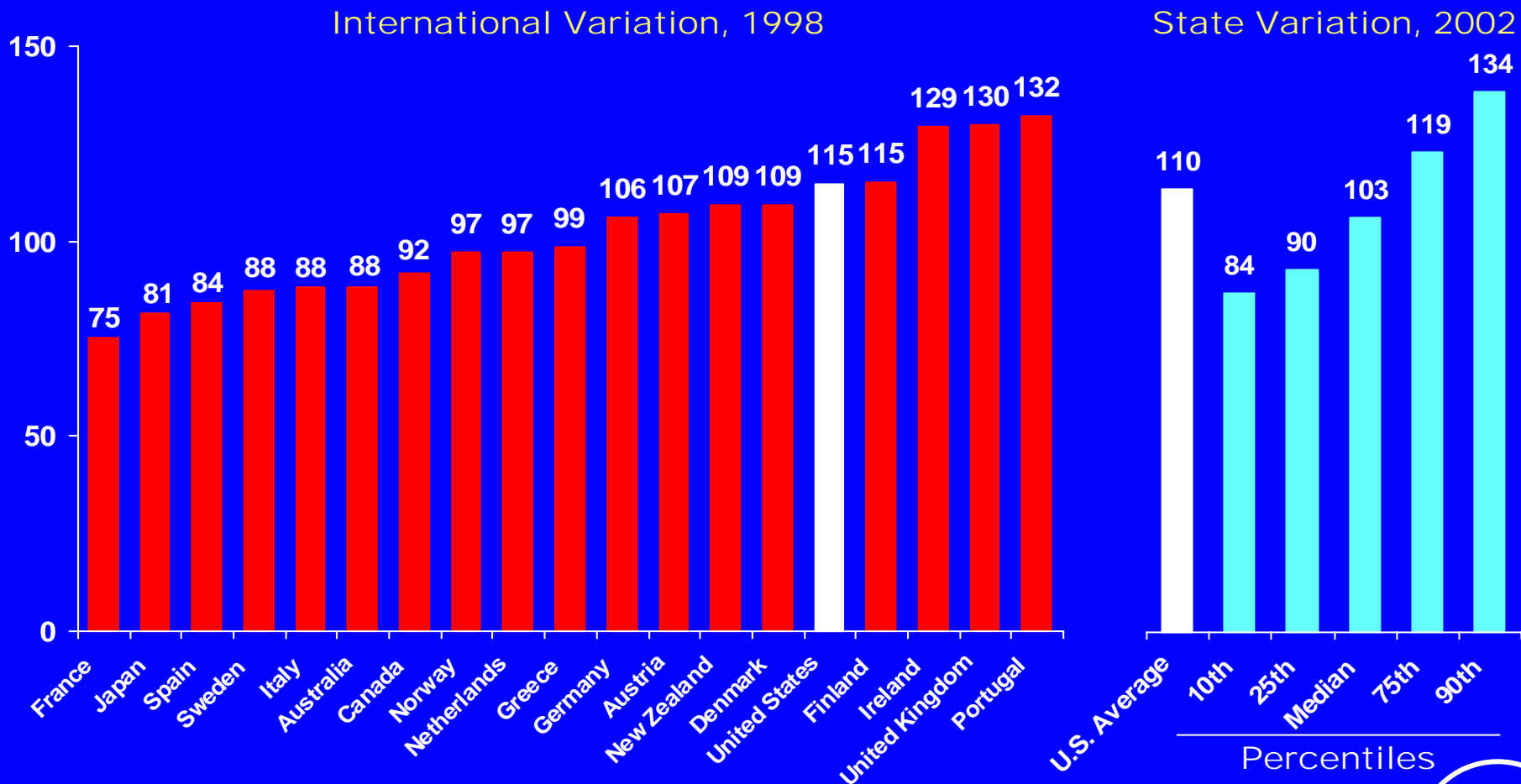
# US Scorecard: Why Not the Best? Commonwealth Fund Commission National Scorecard



## 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\*

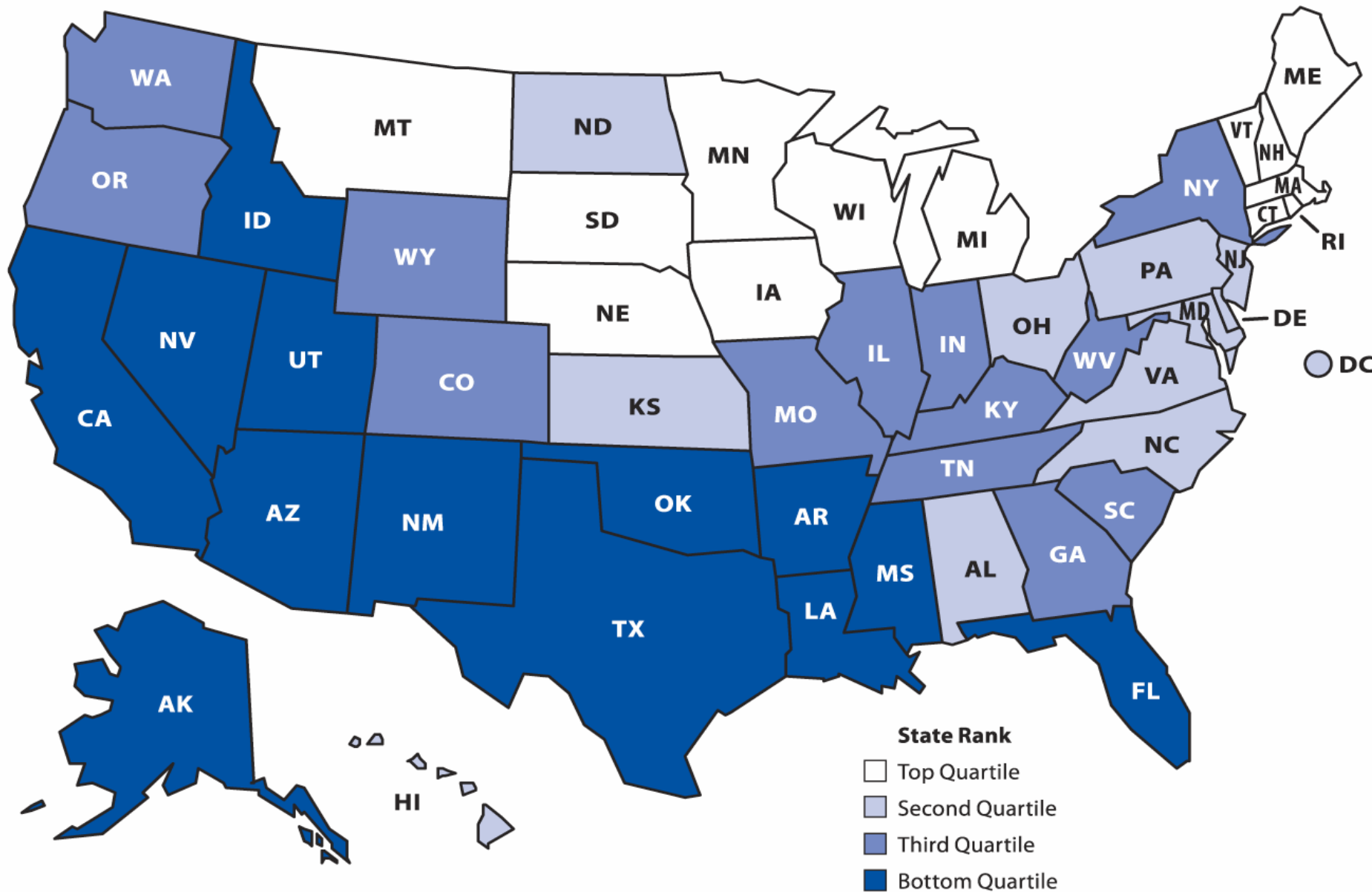


\* Countries' age-standardized death rates, ages 0–74; includes ischemic heart disease

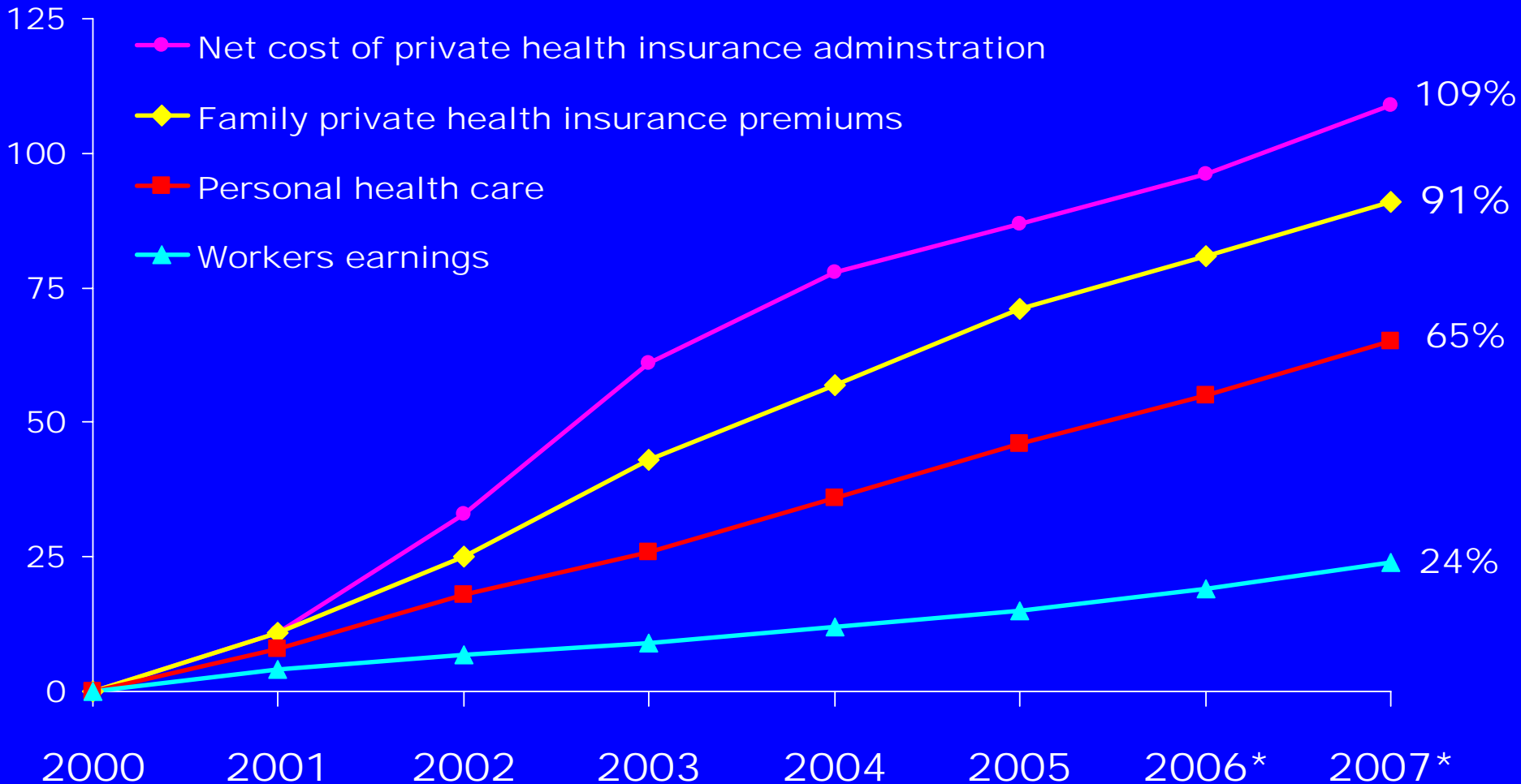
DATA: International: WHO mortality database from Nolte and McKee 2003; U.S. 2002 state estimates: K. Hempstead, Rutgers University using Nolte/ McKee methodology. Methods in technical appendix to *Scorecard Chartpack*.

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

# State Ranking on Quality Dimension



# Cumulative Annual Changes in National Health Expenditures Growth, 2000-2007<sup>7</sup>



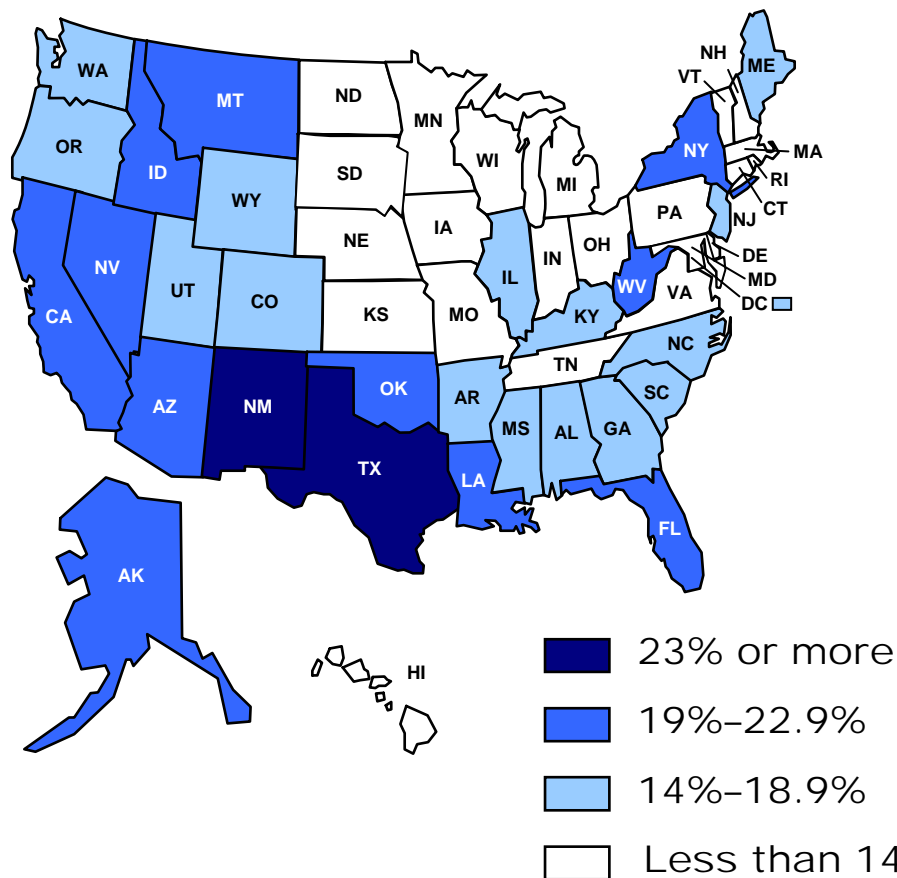
Note: Data on premium increases reflect the cost of health insurance premiums for a family of four/ The average premium increase is weighted by covered workers. \*2006 and 2007 private insurance administration and personal health care spending growth rates are projections.

SOURCE: A. Catlin, "National health Spending in 2005: The Slowdown Continues," *Health Affairs*, January/February 2007, 143-153; J. A. Poisal, et al. "Health Spending Projections Through 2016: Modest Changes Obscure Part D's Impact," *Health Affairs*, February 2007, w242-w253; 2000-2007 Kaiser Employer Benefits Survey

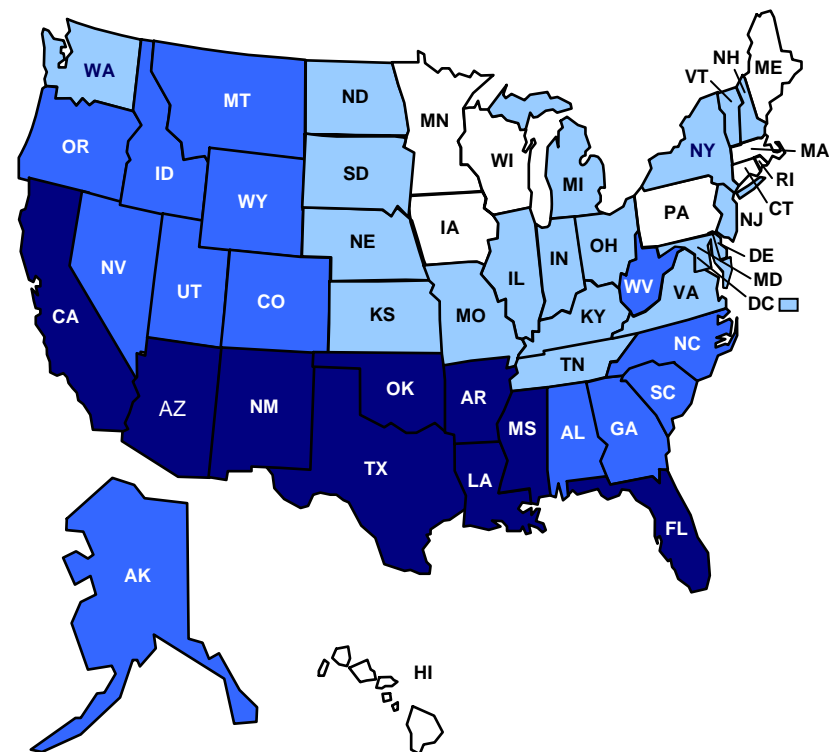


# Uninsured Non-Elderly Adult Rate Increased from 17.3% to 20.1% in Last Six Years

1999–2000



2005–2006



Source: J. C. Cantor, C. Schoen, D. Belloff, S. K. H. How, and D. McCarthy, *Aiming Higher: Results from a State Scorecard on Health System Performance* (New York: The Commonwealth Fund, June 2007).

Updated Data: Two-year averages 1999–2000, updated with 2007 CPS correction, and 2005–2006 from the Census Bureau's March 2000, 2001 and 2006, 2007 Current Population Surveys.



# Future Commission Activities

- **Achieving Savings and Investing for Health System Improvement, December, 2006**
- **Analysis of Candidate's Proposals, January 2007**
- **National Scorecard on U.S. Health System Performance 2, April 2008**
- **Organizing the U.S. Health Care Delivery System for High Performance, May 2008**
- **An Accountable High Performance Health Care System: National Leadership, Fall 2008**



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