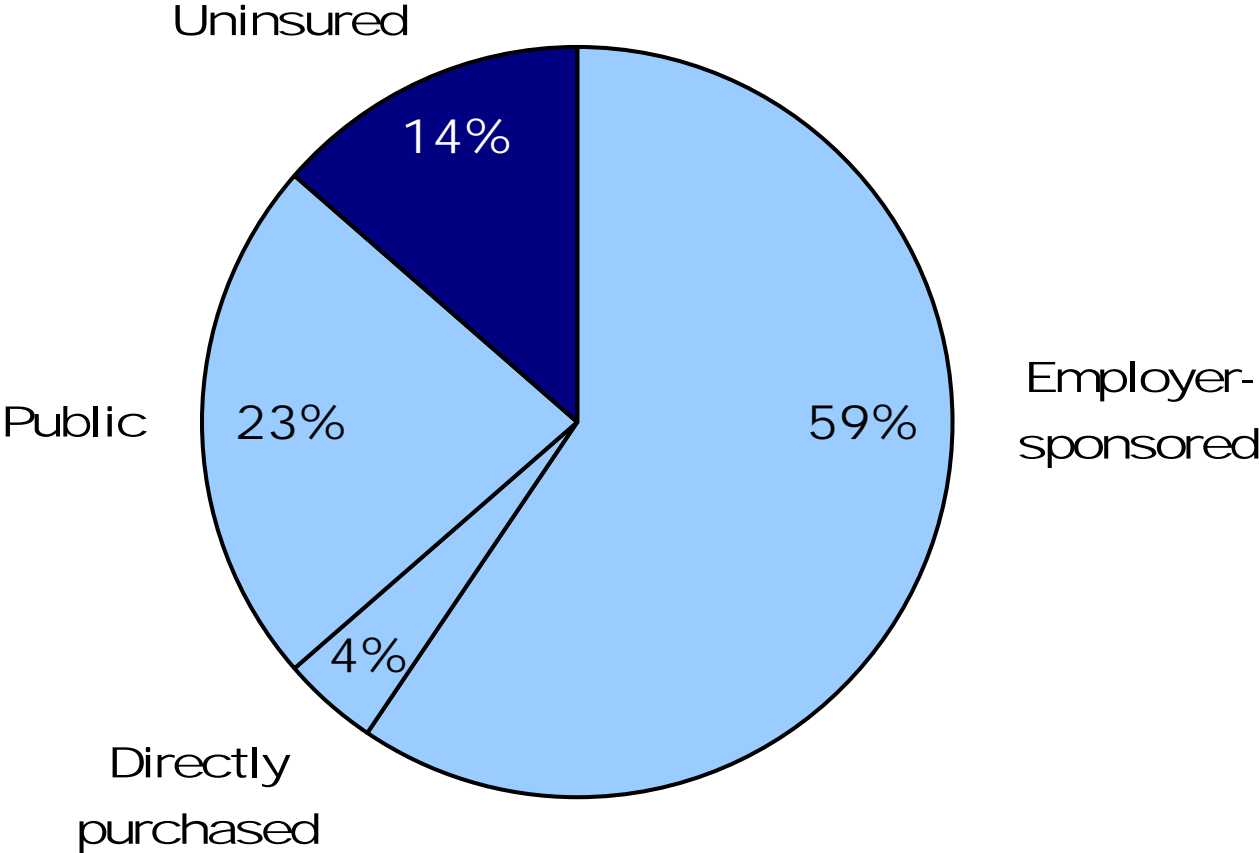


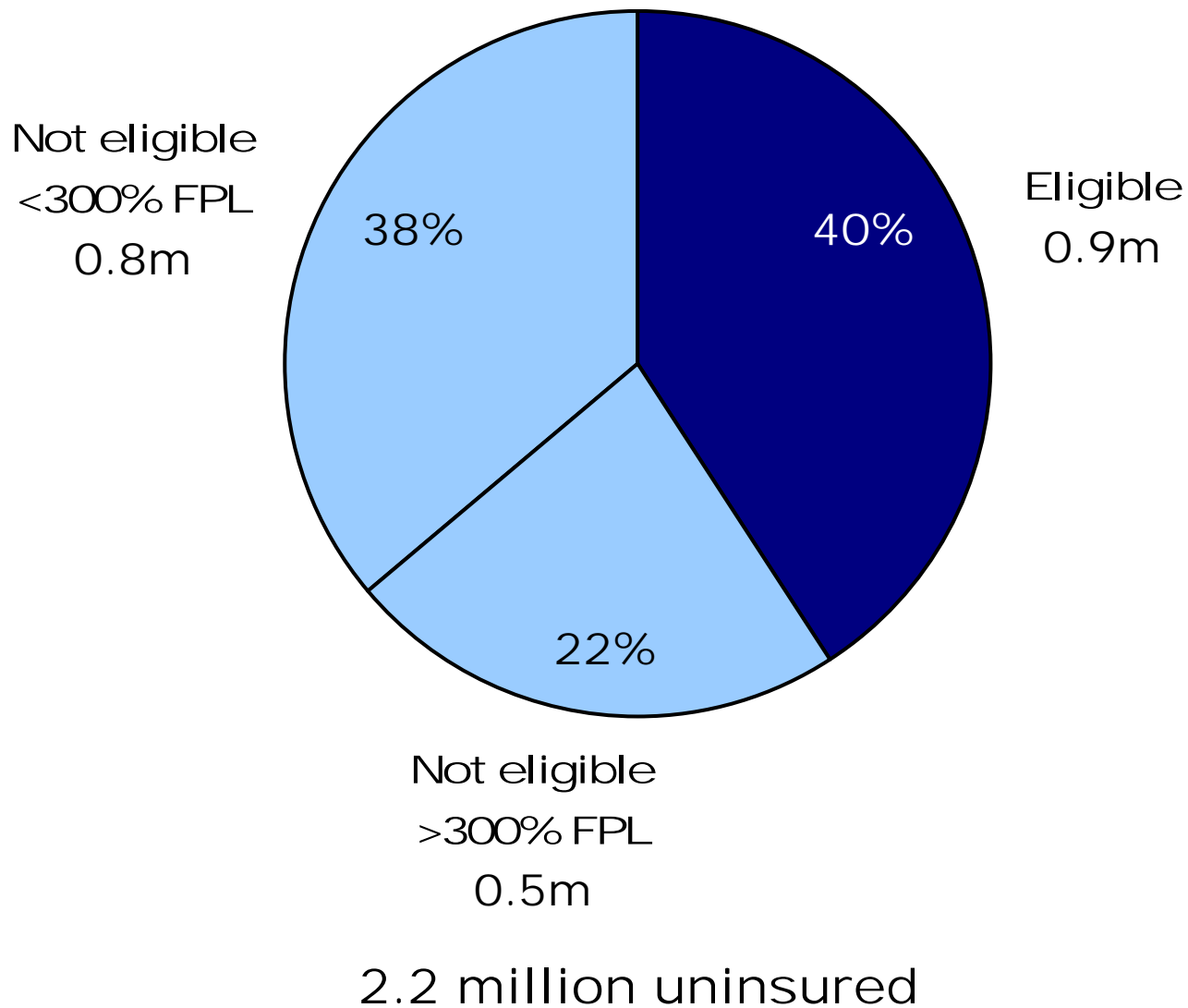
Figure 1. Distribution of Health Insurance Coverage, New York State, 2004–2005



16.5 million people

Note: Data include all persons below age 65.  
Source: Urban Institute and United Hospital Fund, "Health Insurance Coverage in New York, 2004–05," Sept. 2007.

Figure 2. Composition of New York's Uninsured, 2004–2005



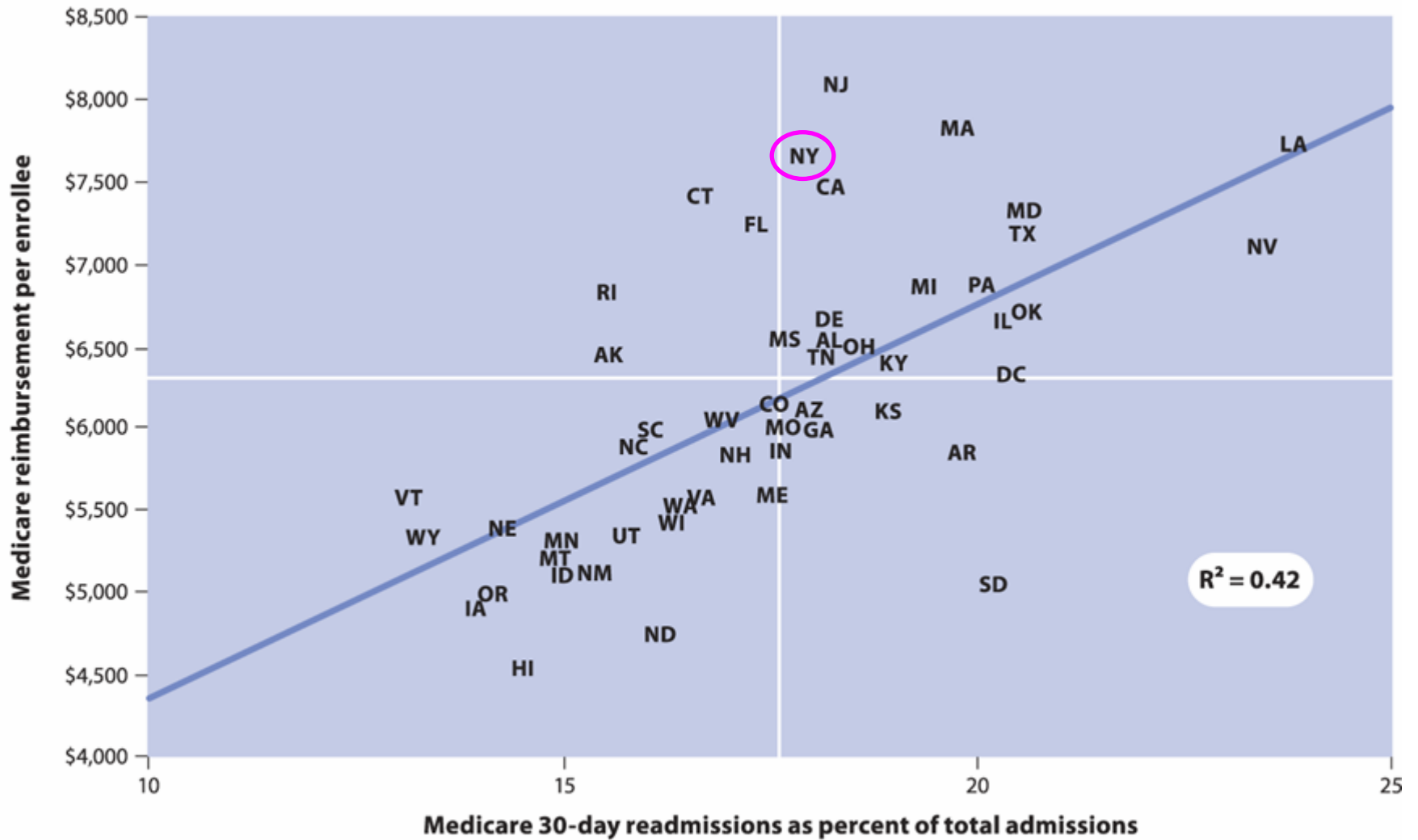
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## Figure 3. Why Are U.S. Health Care Expenditures High and Increasing More Rapidly than Incomes?

- National health spending expected to double over next 10 years—from \$2 trillion to \$4 trillion, rising from 16% to 20% of GDP
- New York has followed national trends
- Factors contributing to high and increasing costs without value (inefficient care)
  - **Overuse, inappropriate use, duplication or ineffective care**
  - **Access barriers, lack of prevention, complications of disease**
  - **Payment and pricing incentives that reward doing more without consideration of value or quality/outcomes**
  - **Weak and undervalued primary care (vs. specialized care)**
  - **Inadequate information systems and information on what works**
  - **Poor care coordination**
  - **Safety concerns: adverse drug events, infections, etc.**
  - **High overhead costs: insurance administrative complexity**
- Factors contributing to long-term trends—amenable to policy
  - **New technologies without comparative information on clinical or cost effectiveness to guide decisions about adoption**
  - **Rising rates of chronic disease—public health**
  - **Few leverage points to encourage more efficient care**

Figure 4

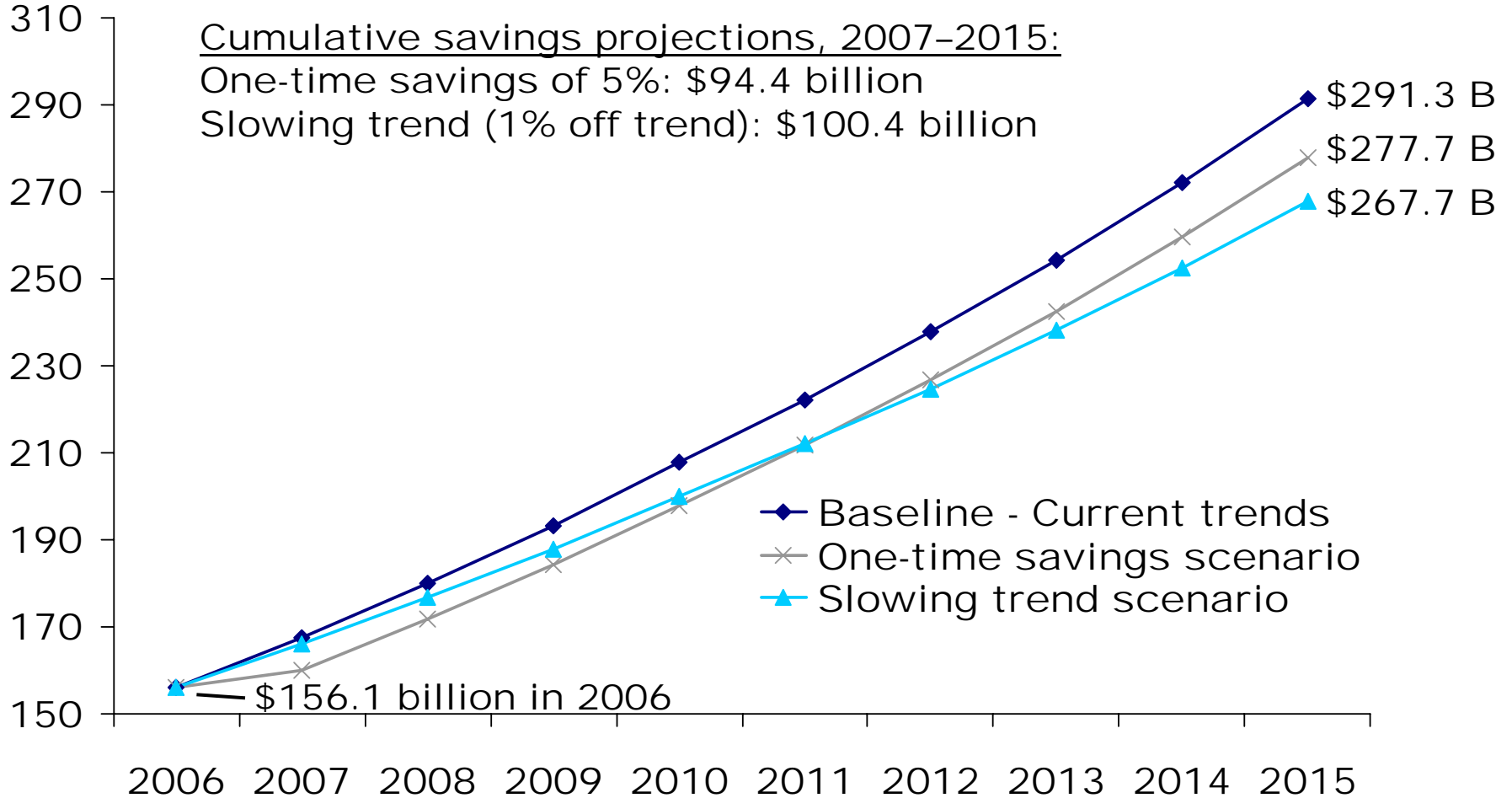
Medicare Reimbursement and 30-Day Readmissions by State, 2003



DATA: Medicare reimbursement – 2003 Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care; Medicare readmissions – 2003 Medicare SAF 5% Inpatient Data  
 SOURCE: Commonwealth Fund State Scorecard on Health System Performance, 2007

# Figure 5. Modest Savings Accumulate: New York State Health Spending Under Alternative Scenarios

Billions of dollars



Source: Lewin Group estimates of NY health expenditures in 2006. Projections for NY to 2015 use national projected rates of increase from C. Borger et al., "Health Spending Projections Through 2015: Changes on the Horizon," *Health Affairs* Web Exclusive (Feb. 22, 2006):w61-w73. Adapted from K. Davis, C. Schoen, S. Guterman et al., *Slowing the Growth of U.S. Health Care Expenditures: What Are the Options?* (New York: The Commonwealth Fund, Jan. 2007).