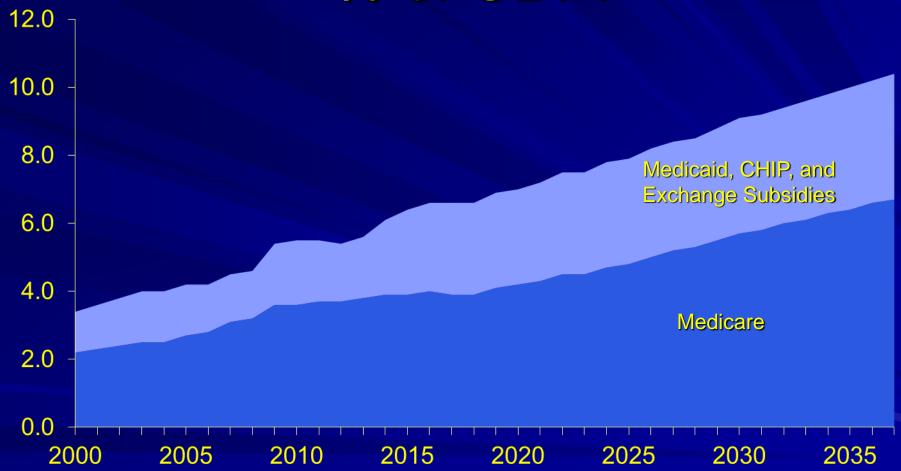
Confronting Our Fiscal Challenges While Ensuring Quality of Care

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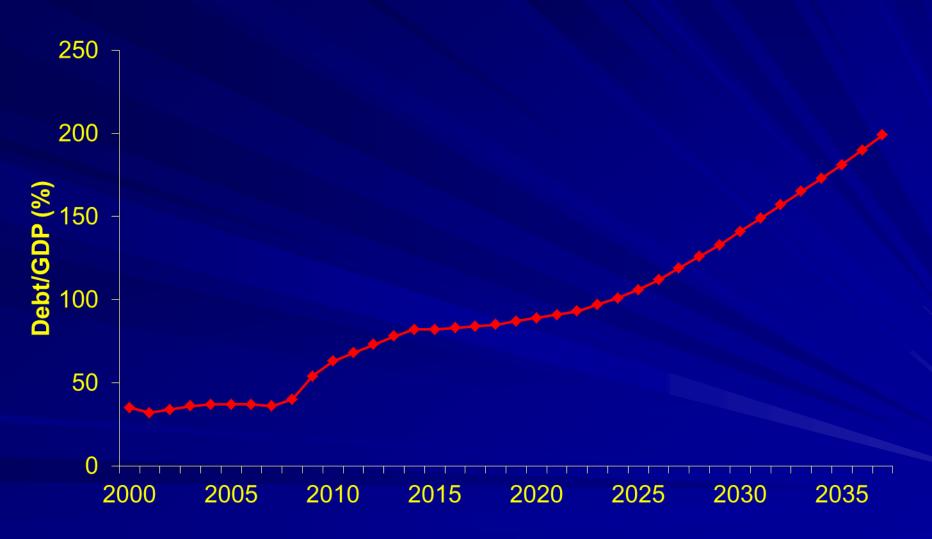
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Federal Spending on Health as % of GDP:



Source: Congressional Budget Office. The 2012 Long-Term Budget Outlook. http://cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/LTBO_One-Col_2.pdf

Our Debt is Unsustainable:



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Consequences of Higher Taxes

- If finance higher health care spending by taxes:
 - Marginal tax rates of high income earners could rise to 70% by 2060
 - GDP declines(relative to trend) by 11%.
- Magnitudes depend on the exact assumptions about tax policy

Source: Baicker and Skinner: 2011: Assumes health care spending growth consistent with 2010 CBO long run forecast

Summary: Fiscal Challenges

- Value matters, but ultimately spending must grow more slowly
- Public spending drives taxes, taxes slow economic growth.
 - Public spending will slow
- Private spending will slow because firms and individuals cannot afford continued premium/ copay increases

Slowing Spending Growth

Who Will Slow Spending







What will slow spending growth

- Payment reform
 - Will drive and support changes in organization of medical practices
- Consumer strategies (benefit design)
 - Includes management of chronic conditions and wellness

Payment Reform

- Pay less
 - Reductions in payment to providers
 - Reductions in payment to plans
- Bundle payments: aggregate payment across services and providers
 - Episode bundles
 - Patient bundles (global payment)
 - Accountable Care Organizations
 - Can slow spending, if payers hold the line in payment increases

Benefit Design Options

- Higher co-premiums/ premium support
- Higher copays, co-insurance or deductibles
- Reference pricing
- Tiered networks
- Value Based Insurance Design (VBID)
 - Align copays with value

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