

Table III.8
Medicare Physician/Supplier Claims Charge Reductions
Selected Fiscal Years 1980 - 2009

Fiscal Year	Claims Approved		Total Covered Charges		
	Number in thousands	Percent Reduced	Amount in millions	Percent Reduced	Amount Reduced per Claim
Assigned					
1980	70,937	80.0	\$6,878	22.5	\$21.81
1985	168,587	81.7	20,743	27.0	33.19
1990	329,061	87.6	48,711	32.6	48.22
1995	534,972	86.4	91,672	42.2	72.31
1996	544,639	87.1	96,205	44.4	78.42
1997	564,461	87.5	102,279	45.7	82.74
1998	573,077	87.6	105,682	46.5	85.91
1999	586,227	88.7	113,008	47.5	91.76
2000	612,875	88.3	124,024	47.7	96.69
2001	646,131	87.7	139,272	47.9	103.22
2002	722,826	87.7	152,373	56.3	135.31
2003	749,313	90.1	184,370	51.8	127.43
2004	796,291	90.8	209,051	52.6	138.34
2005	839,900	91.3	232,129	54.0	146.64
2006	840,991	87.4	243,922	52.5	152.64
2007	823,586	93.3	250,730	57.5	174.81
2008	844,570	94.5	270,508	58.4	187.15
2009	869,259	92.3	292,548	58.5	196.99
Unassigned					
1980	66,207	83.7	\$6,527	22.3	\$21.96
1985	77,646	84.6	10,051	25.6	33.12
1990	75,879	90.3	8,702	25.3	28.97
1995	32,695	83.9	2,725	15.6	13.01
1996	24,390	84.5	2,071	15.6	13.22
1997	19,765	84.4	1,726	16.3	14.23
1998	16,051	82.9	1,450	16.9	15.26
1999	14,061	81.6	1,321	17.5	16.49
2000	13,128	79.4	1,301	18.1	17.85
2001	12,200	77.7	1,254	18.1	18.59
2002	11,352	79.8	1,107	17.2	21.01
2003	11,101	81.7	1,058	15.2	15.03
2004	10,597	83.3	1,050	16.3	16.17
2005	9,809	84.4	1,017	17.4	18.04
2006	8,761	82.3	924	17.5	18.46
2007	7,503	87.6	798	18.3	19.41
2008	7,009	89.1	772	18.6	20.44
2009	6,870	87.5	776	18.7	21.20

NOTE: Charge reduction is the total dollar amount reduced as a result of the charge determination made by Medicare contractor.