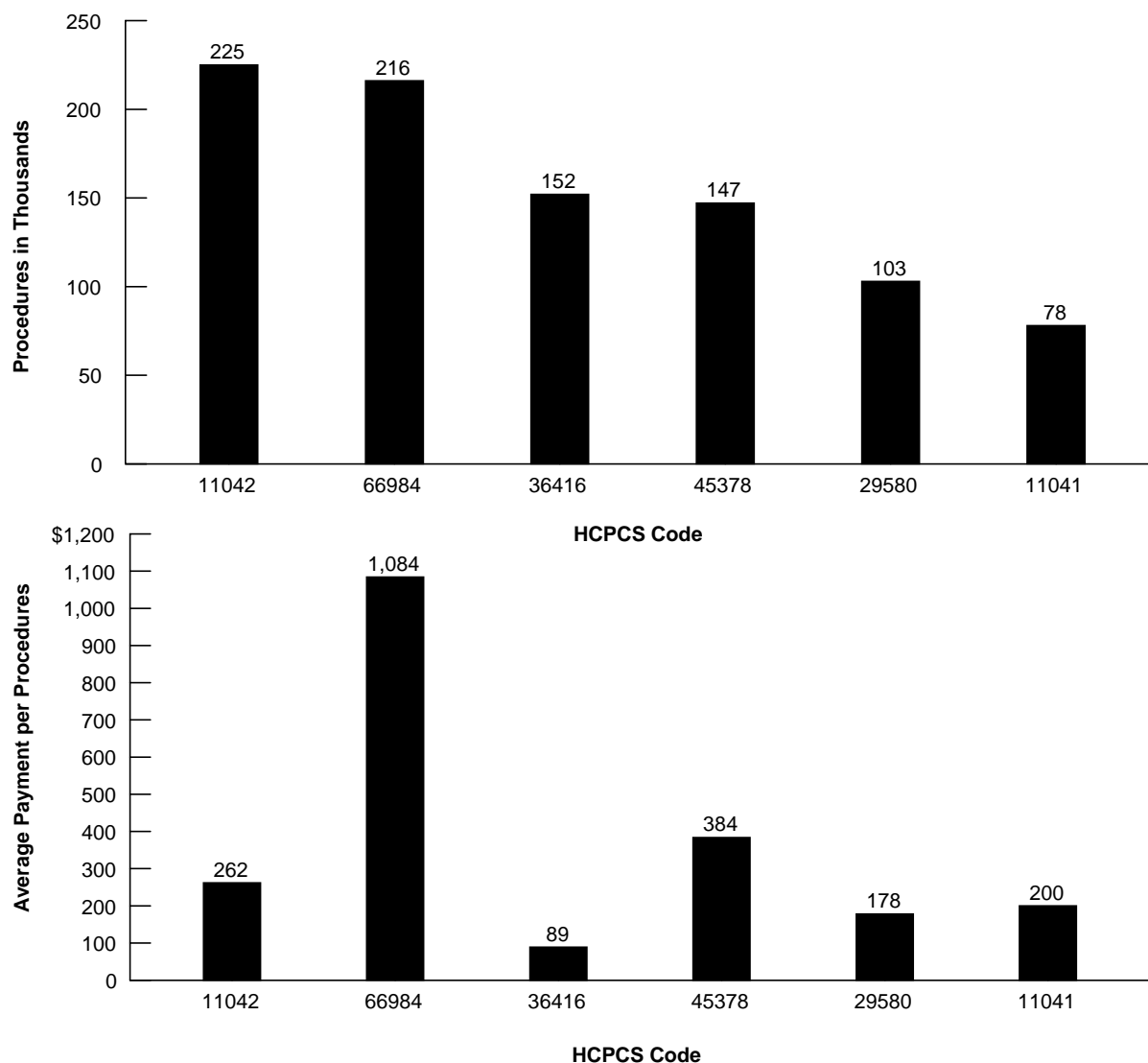


Figure 10.2
Leading Medicare Hospital Outpatient Surgical
Procedures, Based on Frequency: Calendar Year 2008



NOTES: HCPCS is Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System. The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, descriptions, and other data only are Copyright 2007 American Medical Association All Rights Reserved (or such other date of publication of CPT). CPT is a trademark of the American Medical Association (AMA). For a more detailed description of each procedure, refer to the previously mentioned publication. Leading surgical procedures were selected from among the code range 10000 - 69979 (Surgical Procedures). Codes are debridement, skin and subcutaneous tissue, 11042; extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis, 66984; collection of capillary blood specimen, 36416; colonoscopy, flexible, proximal to splenic flexure, 45378; strapping unna boot, 29580; debridement, skin, full thickness, 11041.

SOURCE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Information Services: Data from the Medicare Data Extract System; data development by the Office of Research, Development, and Information.