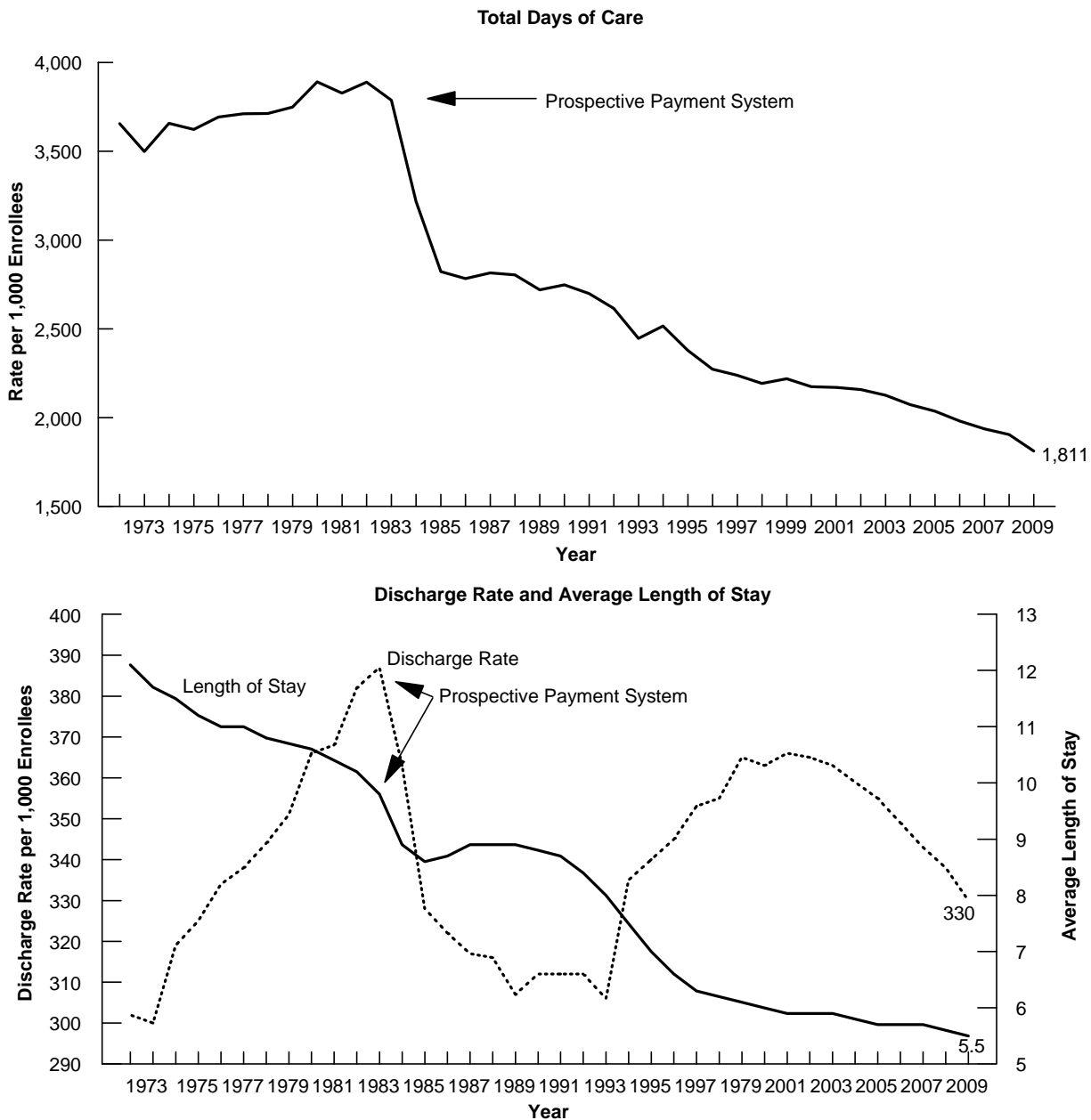


Figure 5.2
Trends in Parameters of Medicare Beneficiary Stays in
Short-Stay Hospitals: Calendar Years 1972-2009



NOTES: The Medicare short-stay hospital prospective payment system was phased in by providers' fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 1983. Beginning with 1994 data, the Medicare short-stay hospital utilization rates per 1,000 enrollees do not reflect managed care enrollment.

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