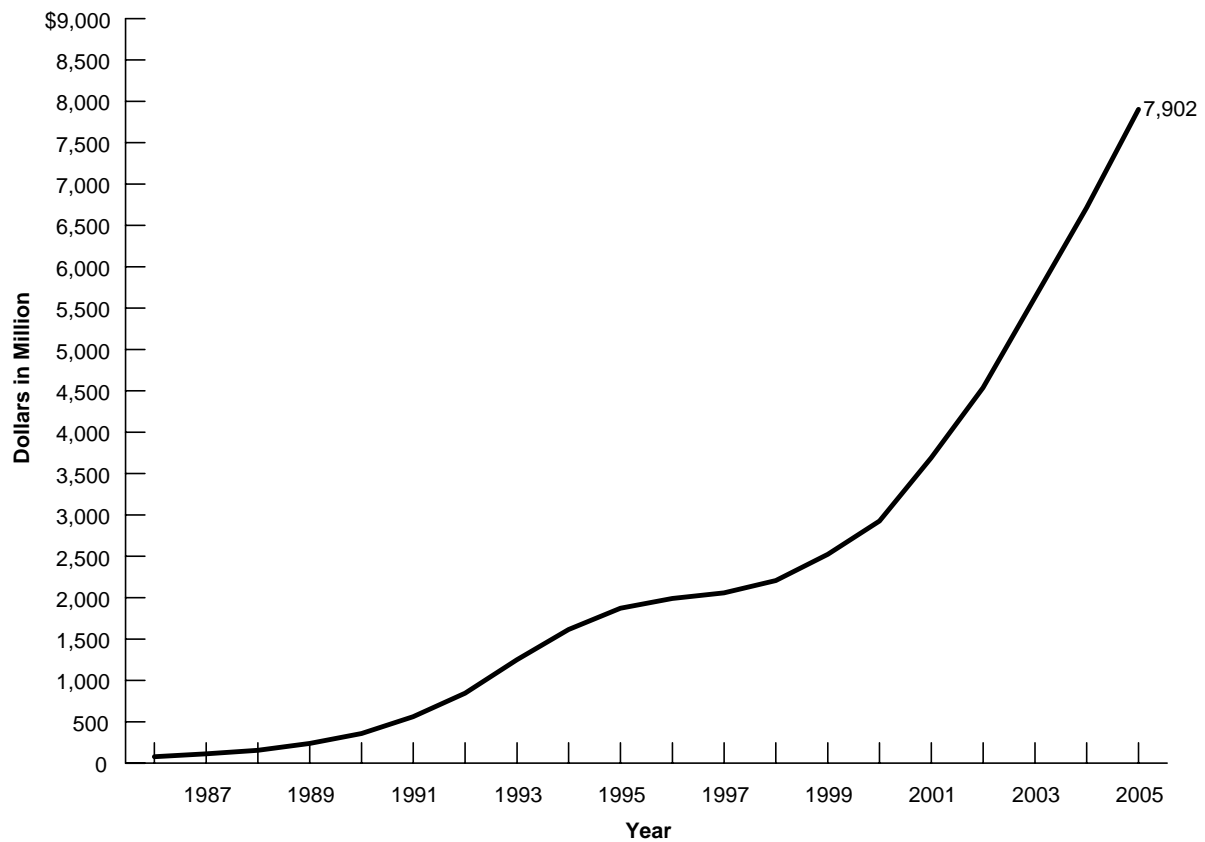


Figure 8.1
Trends in Medicare Hospice Benefit Program Payments:
Calendar Years 1986-2005



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