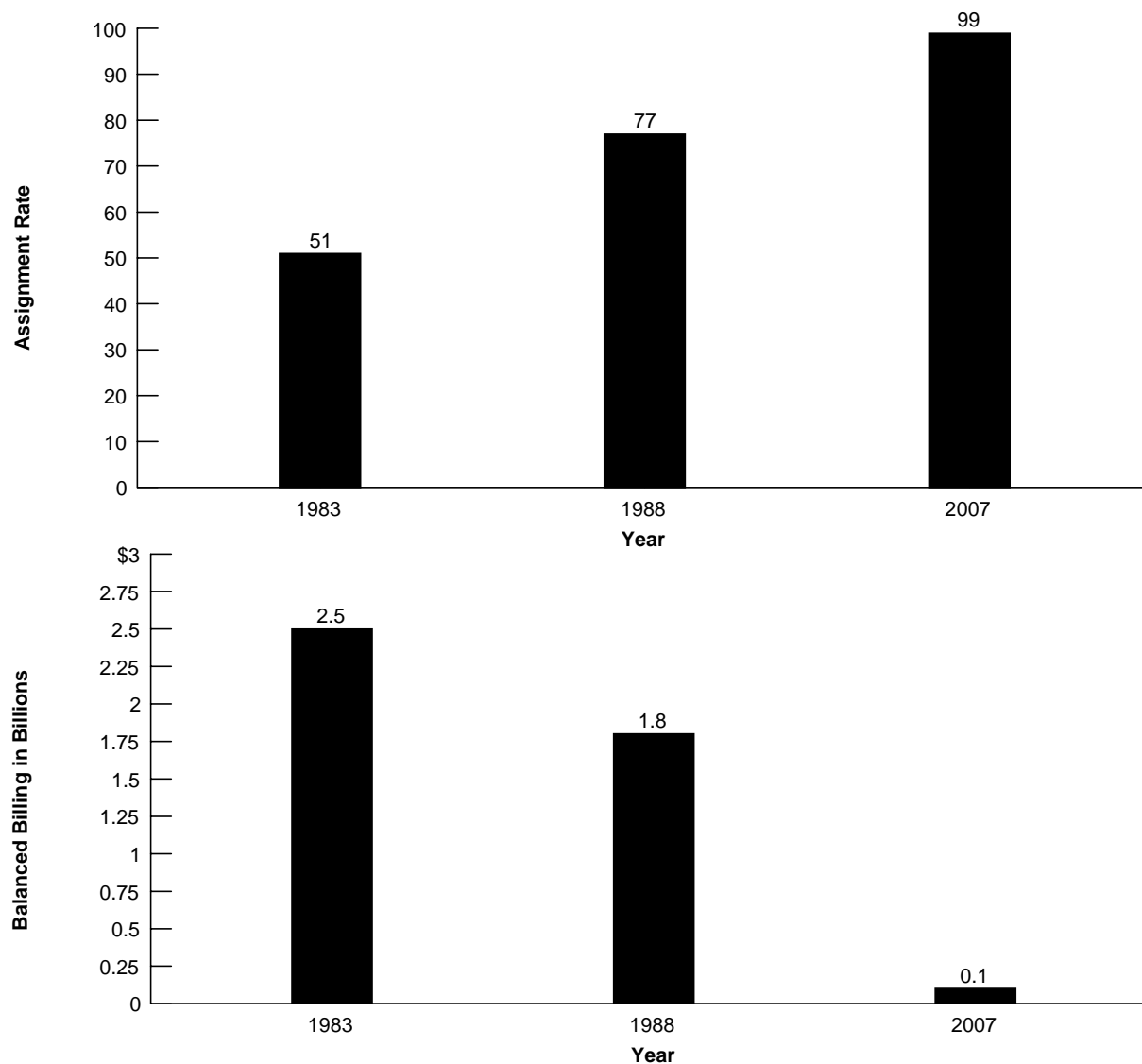


Figure 9.7
Trends in Medicare Assignment Rates and Amount of
Balanced Billing: Selected Calendar Years
1983, 1988, and 2007



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