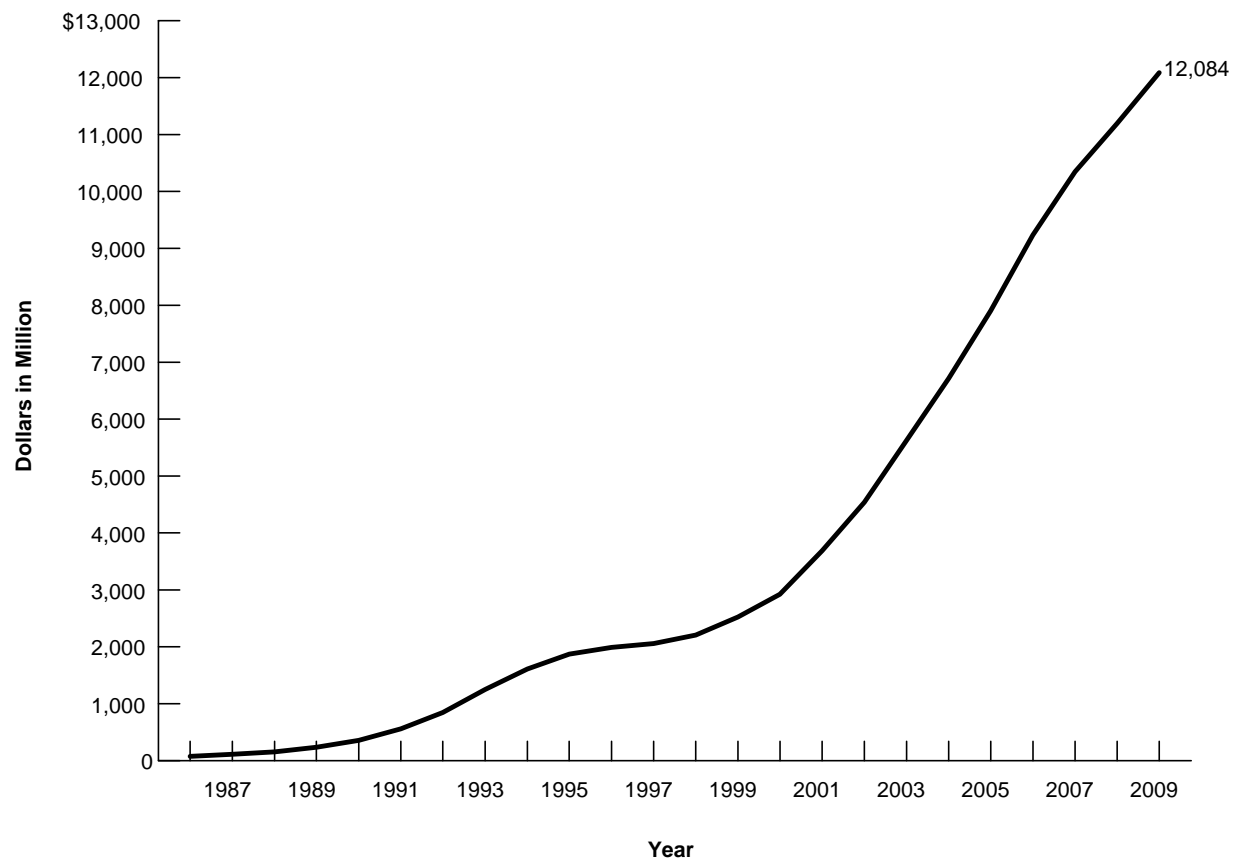


Figure 8.1  
Trends in Medicare Hospice Benefit Program Payments:  
Calendar Years 1986-2009



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