

Text table 3. Comparison of aggregate health care expenditures: Consumer Expenditure Survey and National Health Expenditure Accounts, 2004–07

Expenditure category	Aggregate consumer expenditures Consumer Expenditure Survey (in billions)				Ratio of Consumer Expenditure Survey to National Health Expenditure Accounts ¹			
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2004	2005	2006	2007
Health care, total ²	294.6	309.4	326.7	340.9	.70	.70	.68	.67
Health insurance ³	154.9	159.7	174.1	185.6	.70	.68	.67	.67
Medical commodities, total	69.1	73.7	75.6	72.0	.77	.73	.74	.72
Prescription drugs.....	40.6	47.6	46.7	43.2	.88	.83	.87	.85
Medical supplies and								
nonprescription drugs.....	18.9	17.0	18.2	18.4	.62	.53	.55	.53
Medical equipment	9.6	9.1	10.7	10.4	.73	.70	.69	.69
Medical services, total	70.6	76.1	77.0	83.3	.65	.66	.63	.64
Professional services.....	54.1	58.3	58.8	63.2	.60	.61	.58	.59
Physicians services	17.0	18.1	20.0	20.6	.42	.42	.43	.42
Dental services.....	28.0	29.8	28.4	29.4	.73	.78	.71	.70
Other professional	9.1	10.3	10.5	13.3	.66	.72	.70	.84
services								
Hospital care.....	16.4	17.8	18.2	20.0	.88	.90	.85	.86

¹ National Health Expenditure Accounts data exclude nursing home and home health care spending.

² Consumer Expenditure Survey data exclude nursing home care spending.

³ Includes premiums for private health insurance and premiums paid to the Medicare Supplementary Insurance Trust Fund.

NOTE: Sums may not equal totals due to rounding. Expenditure categories have been adjusted to make the two surveys as comparable as possible.

SOURCE: The National Health Expenditure Accounts (NHEA) data

used to compute the CE/NHEA ratios are from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, "National Health Expenditures by Type of Service and Source of Funds: Calendar Years 1960-2007," http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalHealthExpendData/02_NationalHealthAccountsHistorical.asp#TopOfPage and Health Expenditures by Sponsors: Business, Household, and Government," http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalHealthExpendData/06_NationalHealthAccountsBusinessHouseholdGovernment.asp#TopOfPage. Because retrospective adjustments to NHEA data are made when new data are issued, CE/NHEA ratios may differ from those published in previous years.