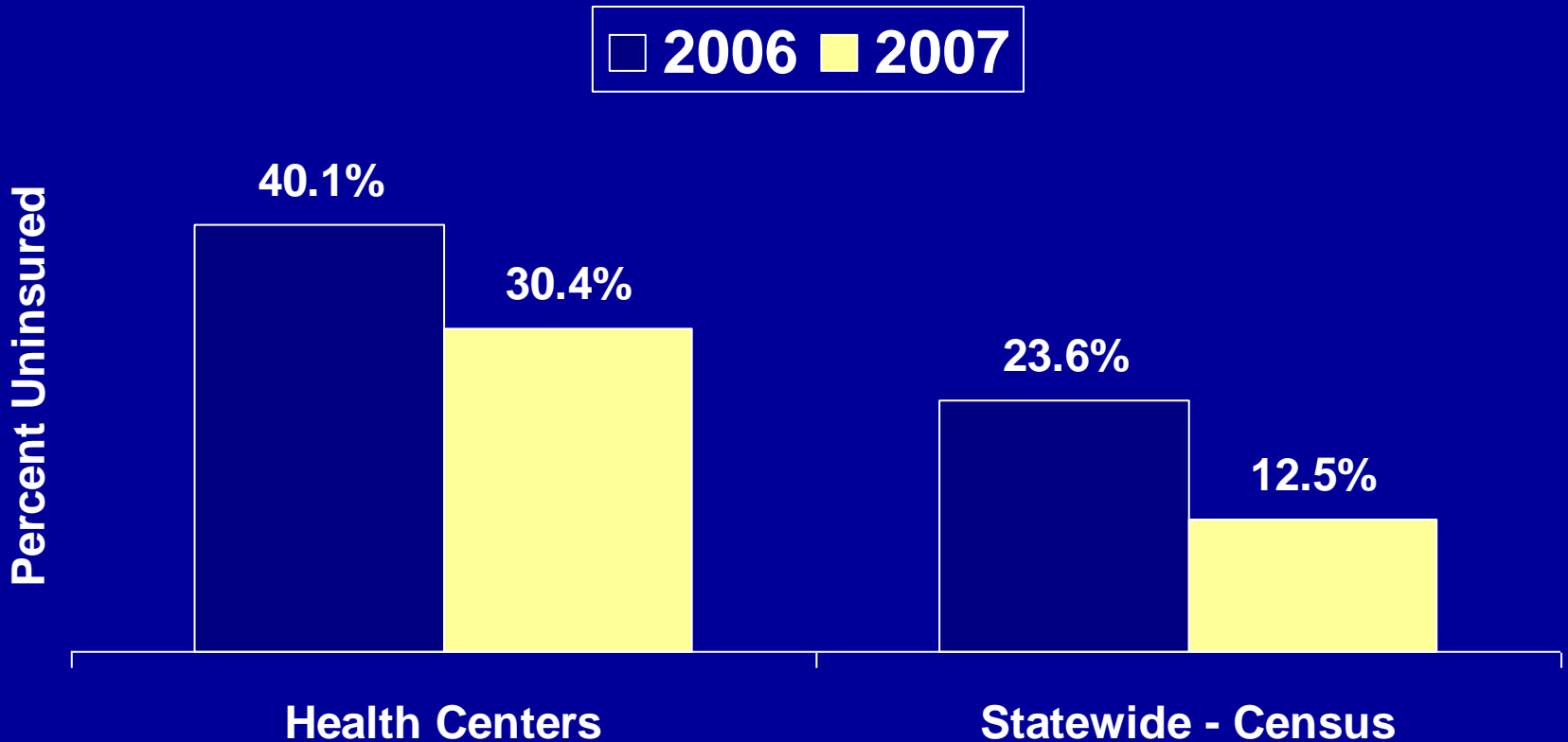


How Do Health Centers Fit in Health Reform

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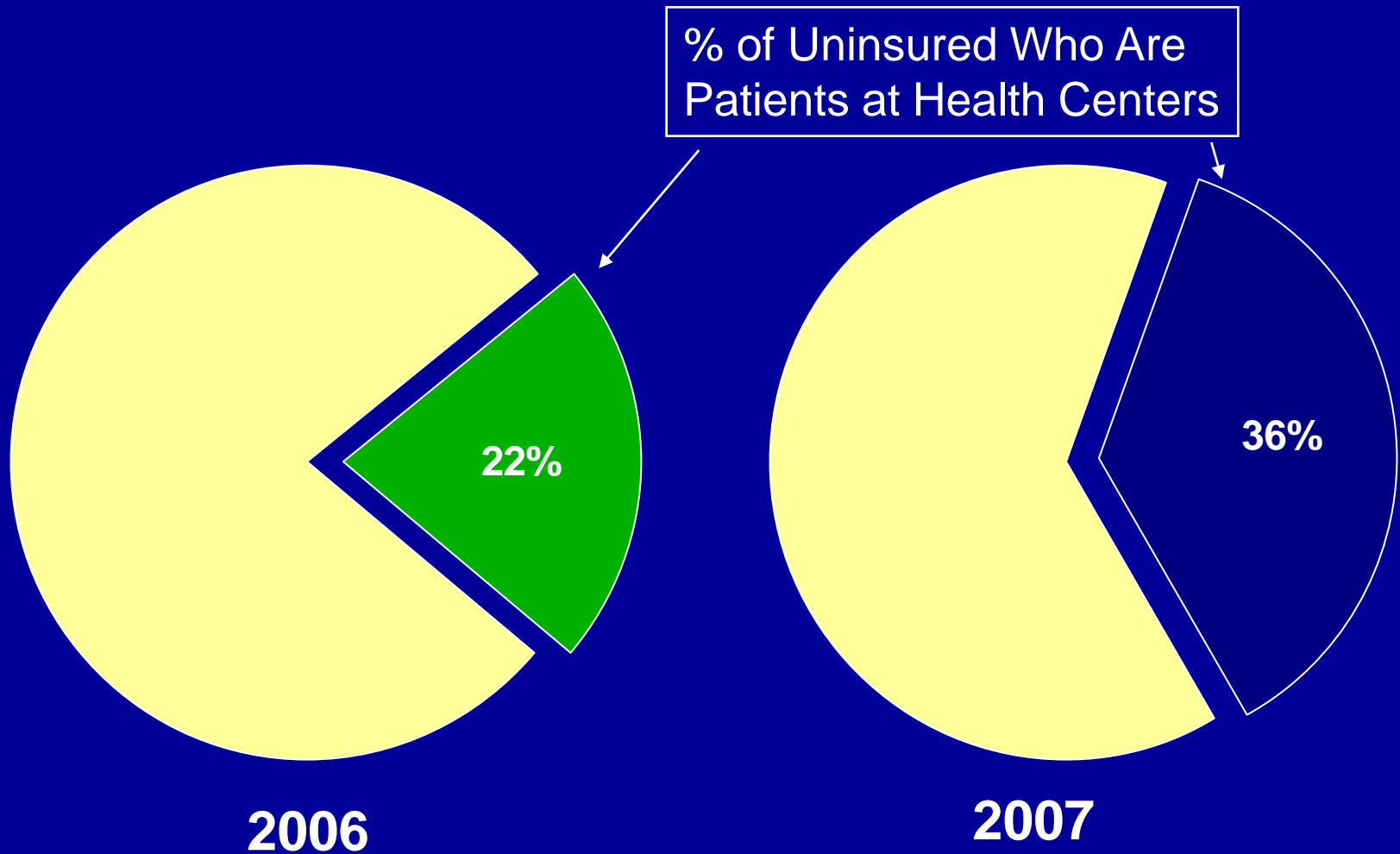
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While the number of uninsured patients fell statewide, the proportion of uninsured patients at health centers declined far less steeply (Uninsured Patients Statewide and at Health Centers, 2006 and 2007)



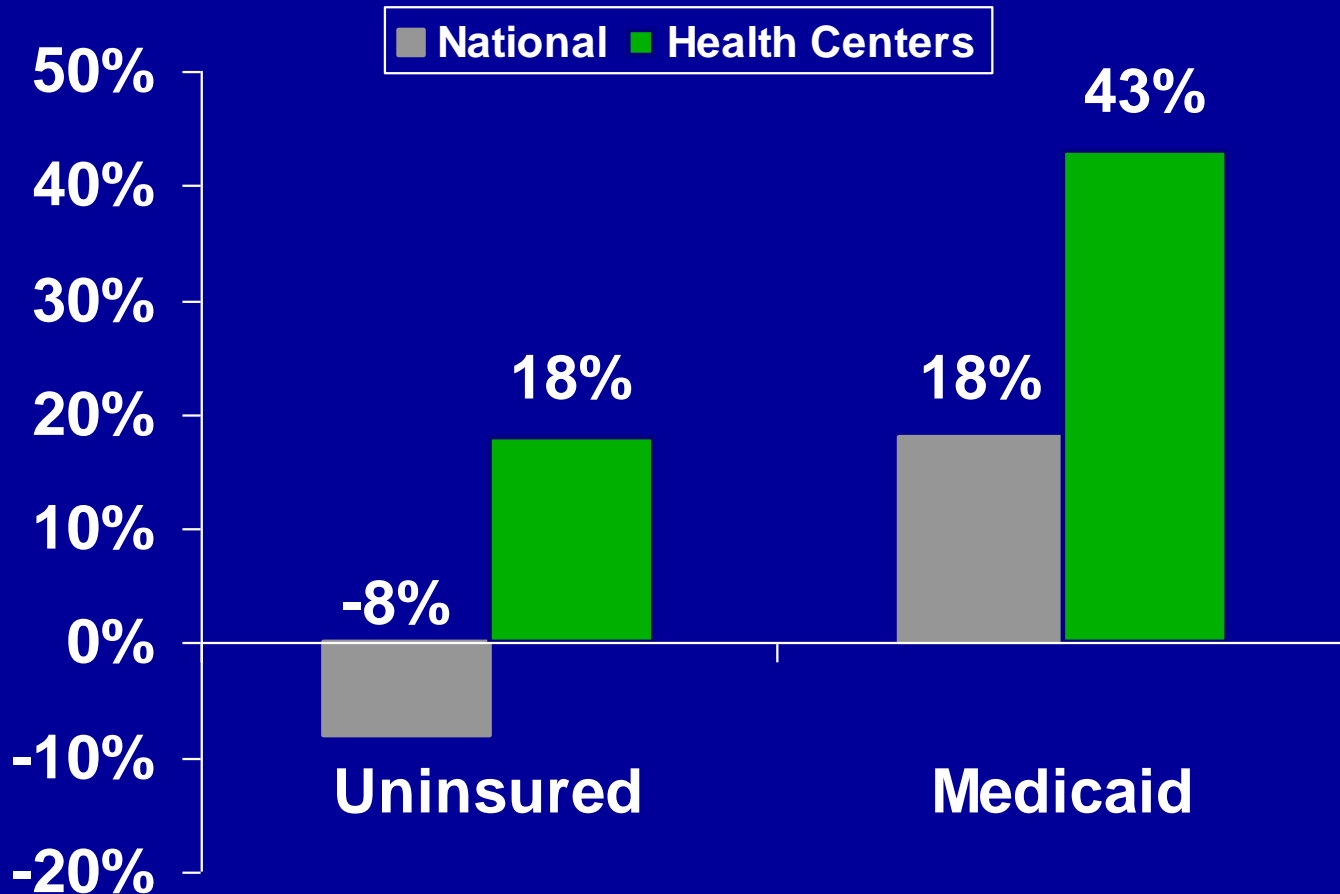
Source: Health center data from UDS.
MA statewide data from Long 2008 & Census 2008.

Health centers still critical source of care for uninsured and uninsurable
(Share of Massachusetts Uninsured Receiving Primary Care at Health Centers
Grew as Number of Uninsured Fell, 2006 & 2007)



Source: GW analysis of Uniform Data System and Census data

Change in low-income children 0-19 in U.S. and served by Community Health Centers, 2002-2007



Note: Low-income defined as less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level; Medicaid includes SCHIP enrollees.

Source: GW analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data, 2002-2007; UDS data 2002-2007.

Payment rates tend to fall short of the cost of care but private payors are worst

Type of Coverage of Health Center Patients and Gaps in Patient-Related Payments and Costs, 2007

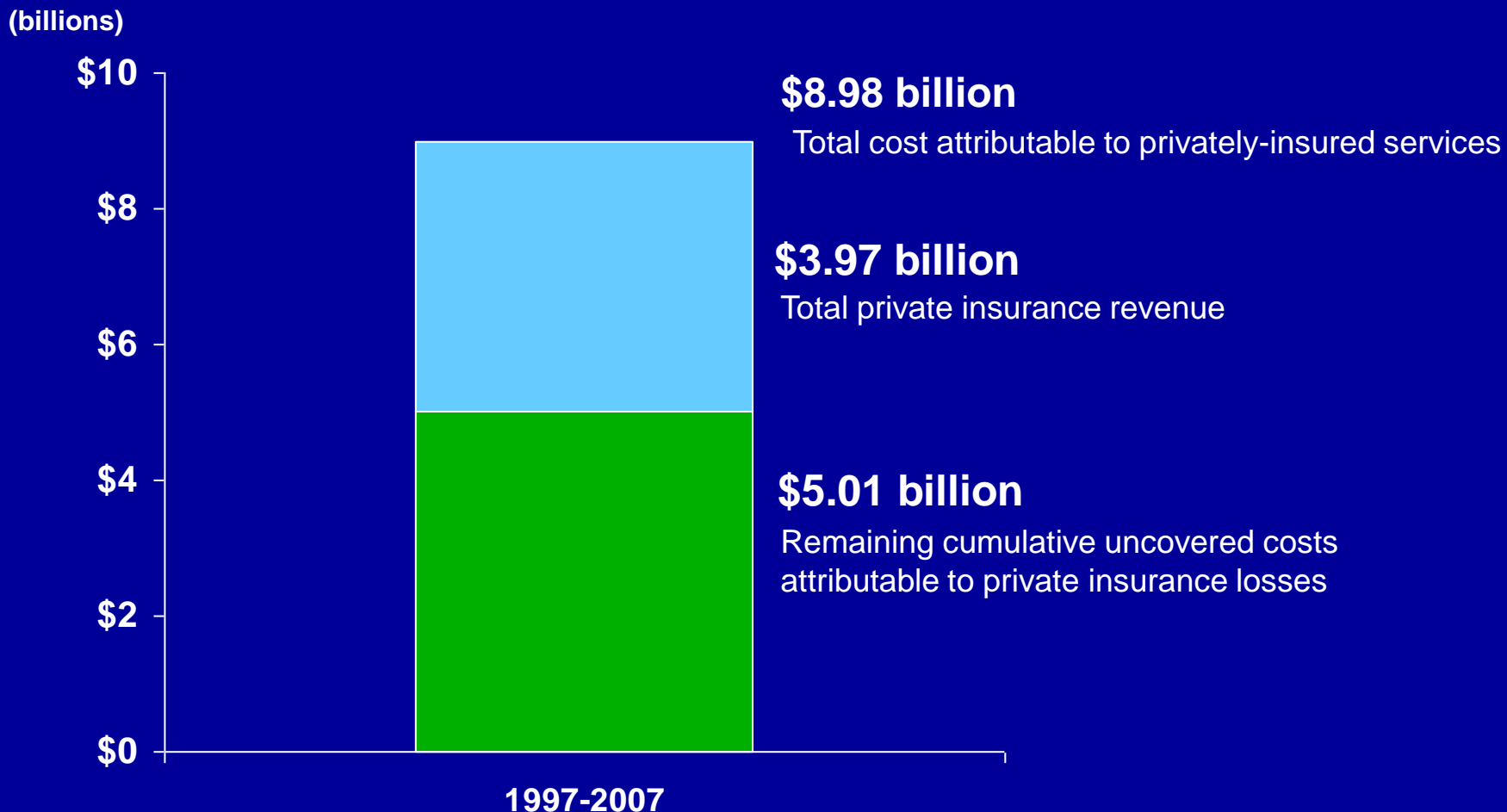
	Health Center Patients		% Gap in Patient-Related Payments & Costs
	Millions	Percent	
Medicaid	5.7	35%	-14.9%
Medicare	1.2	8%	-28.0%
Other Public	0.4	3%	-34.4%
Private Insurance	2.5	15%	-42.5%
Self-pay/Uninsured	6.2	39%	-77.6%
TOTAL	16.1	100%	-39.6%

Note: Columns might not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Source: HRSA's Uniform Data System, 2007

Financing Challenges

Estimated Cumulative Losses on Privately Insured Patients, 1997-2007



NOTE: Estimated costs attributable to privately-insured patients based on number of privately-insured patients and average cost per patient.
SOURCE: UDS data, HRSA.

Effect of Health Reform

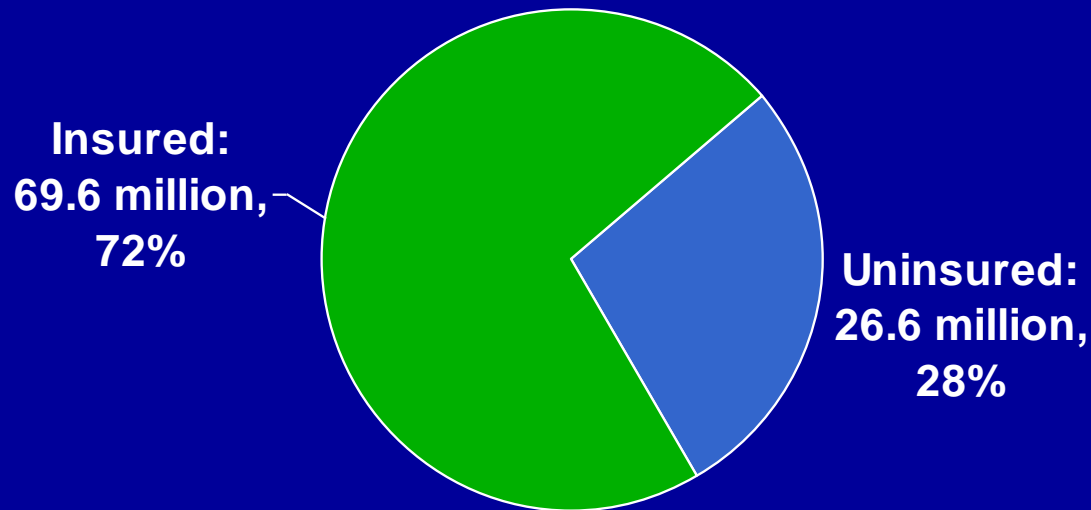
- Based on CBO estimates of the House Bill
- Assume 5% other revenue growth (vs 11%)
 - 36m in 2015; 39m in 2019
 - Sensitive to how fast other revenues rise and patient mix
- What happen if private/Exchange pay PPS?
 - w/PPS: 38m in 2015; 41m in 2019
 - Number of patients sensitive to actual Exchange enrollment

	2007		2015	
	#	%	#	%
Medicaid	5.6m	35%	15m	42%
Uninsured	6.2m	39%	9.3m	26%
Private	2.5m	15%	5.7m	16%
Exchange			2.6m	7%
Total	16.1m	100%	35.6m	100%

Health Reform

- Proportion of uninsured will fall but continue to grow in number
- Private/Exchange and PPS
- Direct investments in primary care still needed

Medically Underserved Population, by Insurance Status



N=96.2 million

Source: Number of people living in Medically Underserved Areas based on 2006 Census data made available in HRSA's Geospatial Data Warehouse and analyzed by GW). Uninsured percentages based on population under 200 percent of federal poverty from GW analyses of the Census Bureau's March 2007 and 2008 Current Population Survey (CPS: Annual Social and Economic Supplements).

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