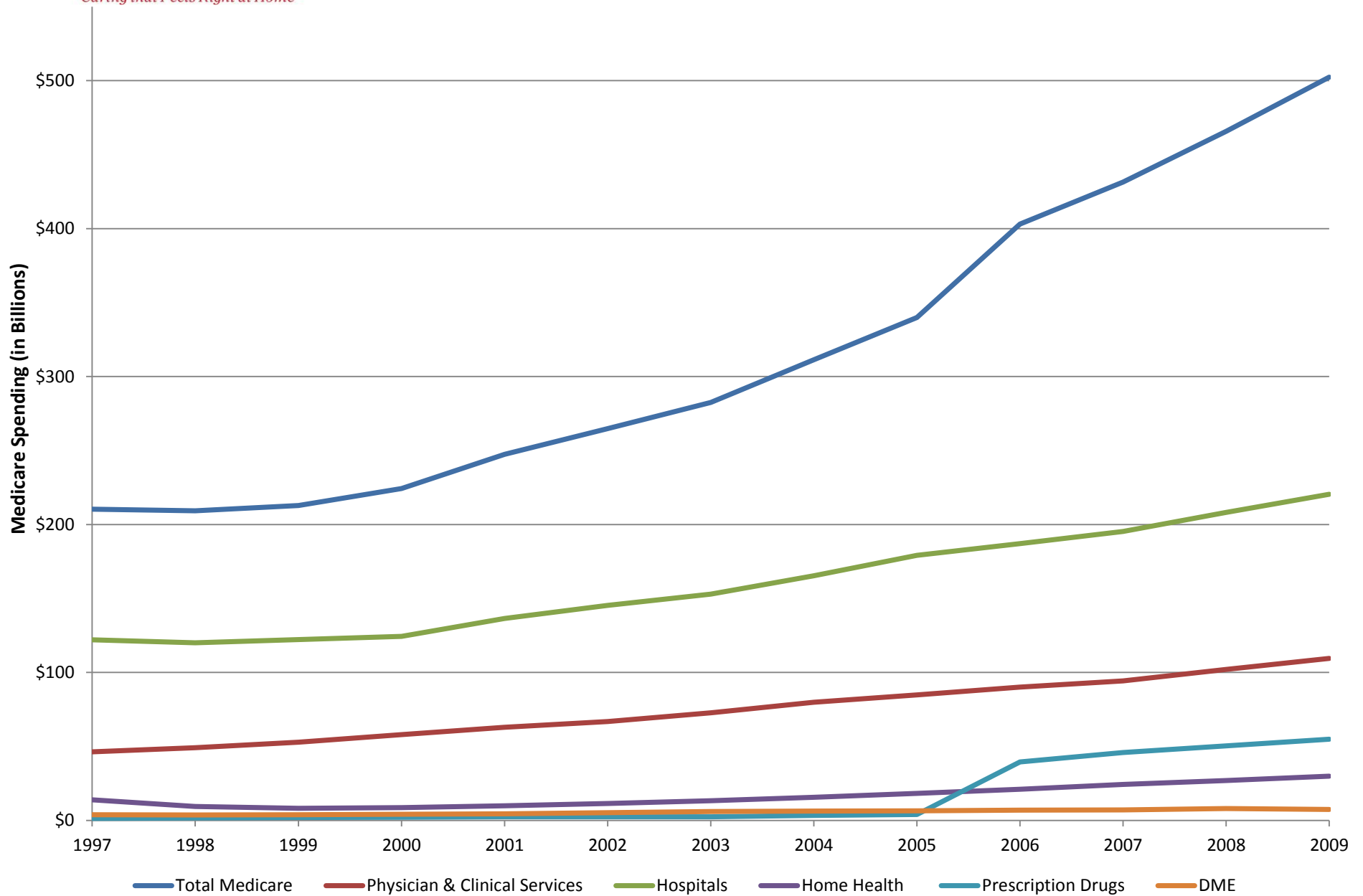


Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Spending in Medicare Is 1.4 % of Total Medicare Spending

Medicare Expenditures: 1997 to 2009



Source: CMS National Health Expenditures (NHE), 2009 (latest data available)

Medicare DME expenditures were approximately \$7.5 billion in 2009, a 6 percent reduction from 2008.