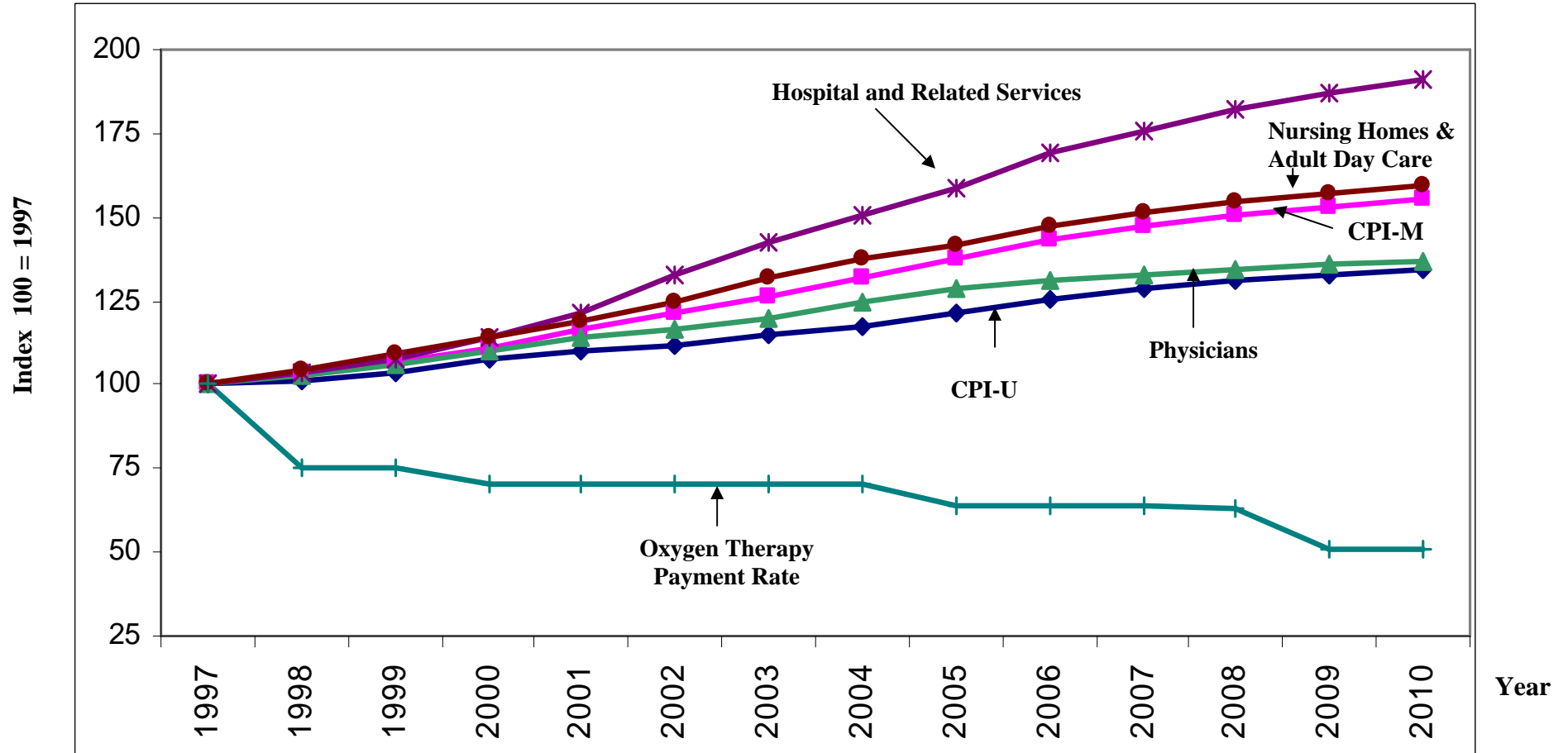




Payment Rate for Medicare Home Oxygen Therapy Compared with Prices for Selected Medical Services: 1997-2010

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NOTE: The values shown for Medicare oxygen payment rates for 2008, 2009, and 2010 include the estimated combined effects of payment rate reductions from DMEPOS competitive bidding (2008-2010), and decreases in total Medicare spending for home oxygen (2009-2010) resulting from the impact of the 36-month rental cap in January 2009. Other figures reflect consumer price index (CPI) for various price categories (Bureau of Labor Statistics).