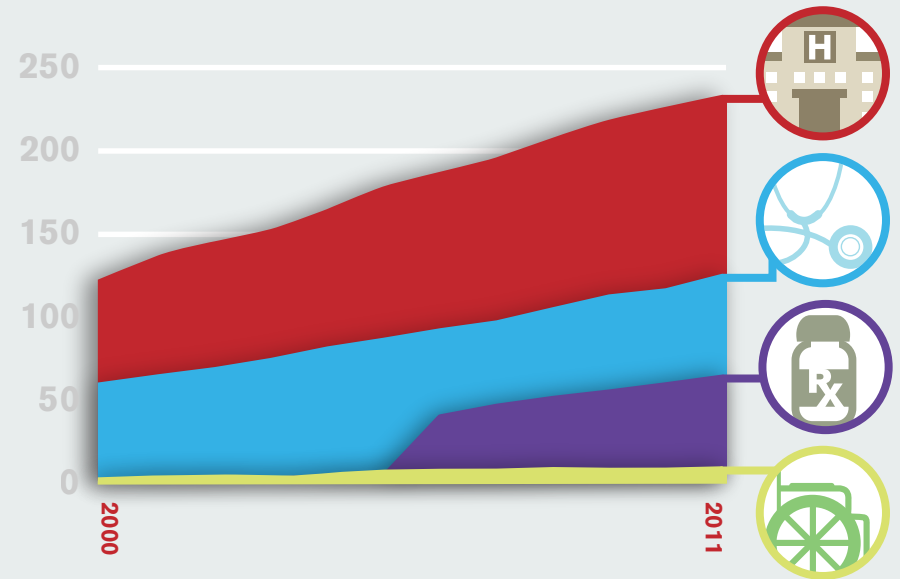




Durable Medical Equipment, like wheelchairs, oxygen, and feeding tubes, enables millions of Americans with disabilities and chronic illnesses to remain safe and independent at home.

DME's share of Medicare spending has been **nearly the same** for **more than 10 years**, even as total Medicare spending has significantly increased.



\$231.3



\$124.0



\$63.7



\$7.7



-48%

DME's share of total healthcare spending in 2011 was nearly half of what it was in 1960.

19.6%

Medicare paid for less than one-fifth of all DME purchases in 2011.

54.8%

The majority of DME purchases were paid out of pocket in 2011.

1.4%

Only administrative costs accounted for a smaller percentage of total Medicare spending than DME in 2011.

In billions

All data is from the 2012 CMS National Health Expenditure Accounts report.