

Medicare Prescription Drug Bill: Too High a Price

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For Many Consumers, Conference Committee Prescription Drug Proposal Does Not Lower Out-of-Pocket Costs

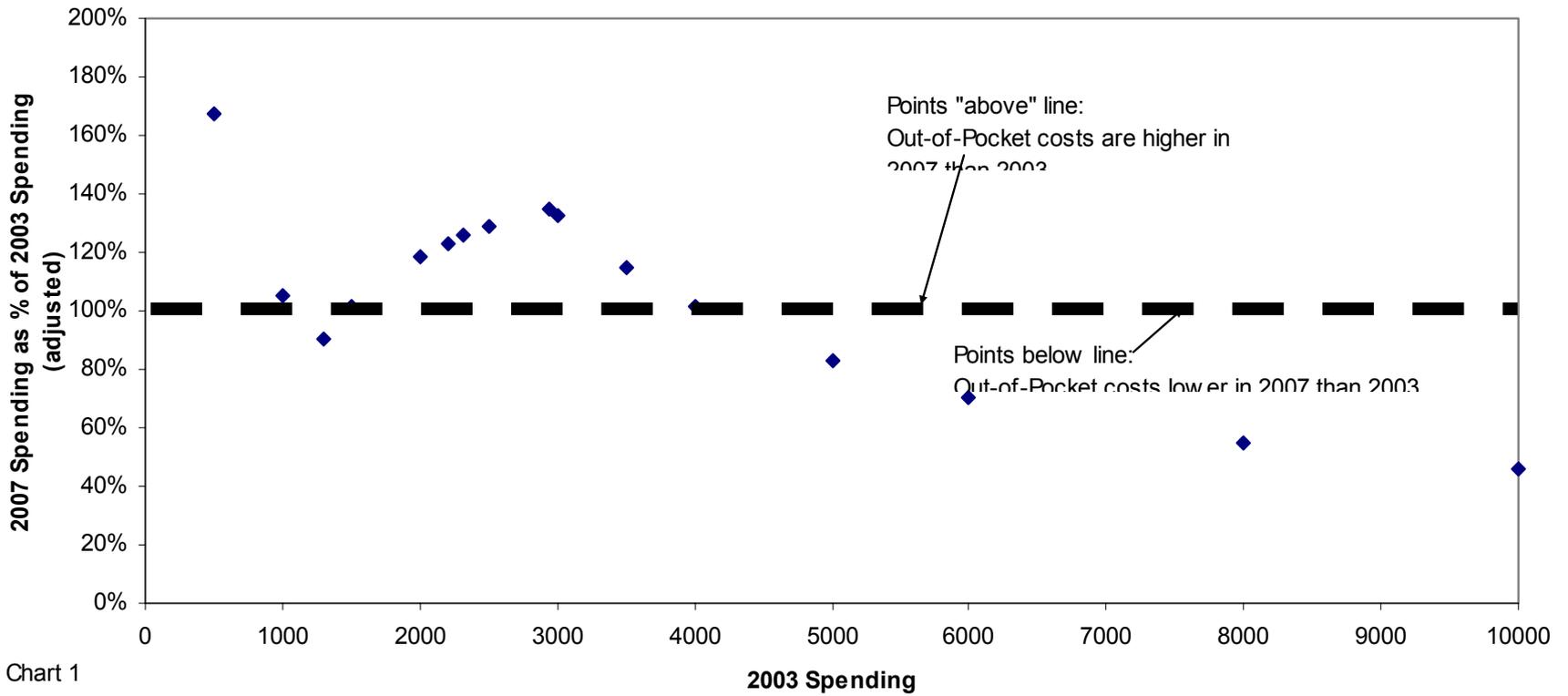


Chart 1

**Conference Committee Proposal:
Average-Spending Beneficiary (without prescription drug coverage)
Faces Increased Out-of-Pocket Costs**

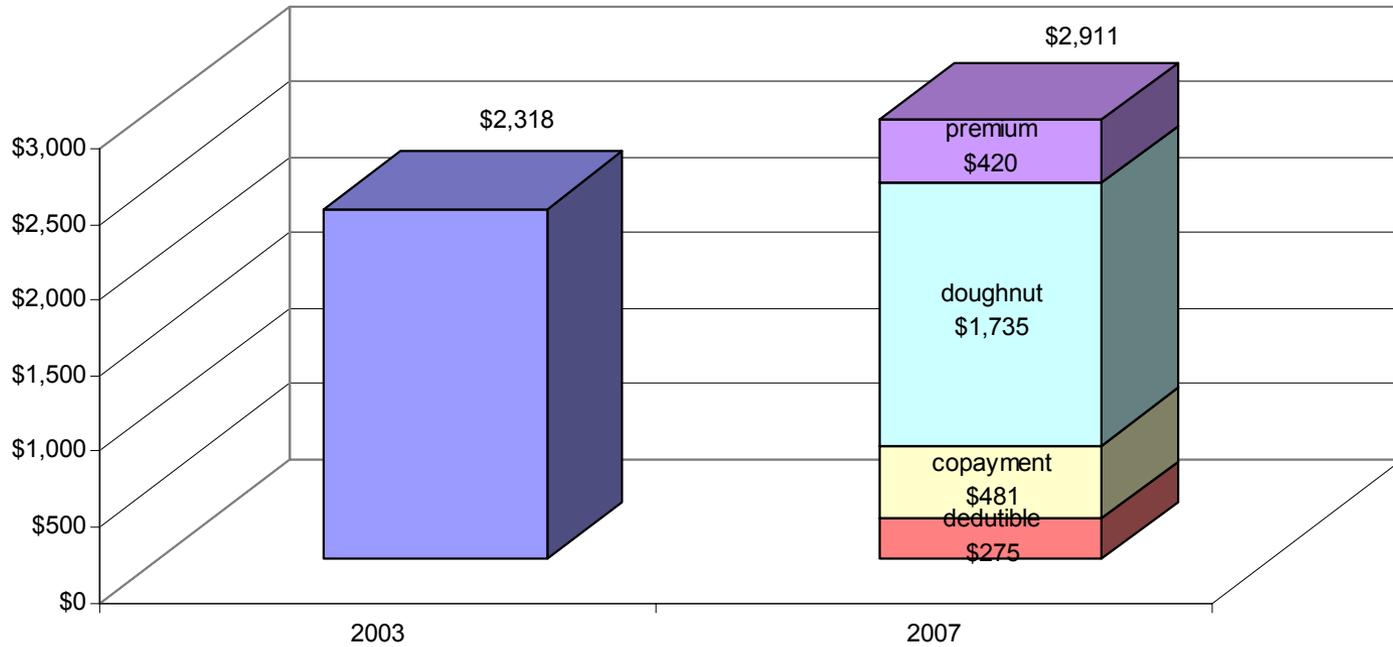


Chart 2

**Conference Committee Proposal:
Beneficiaries with Low Expenditures Face Increased
Out-of-Pocket Cost in 2007**

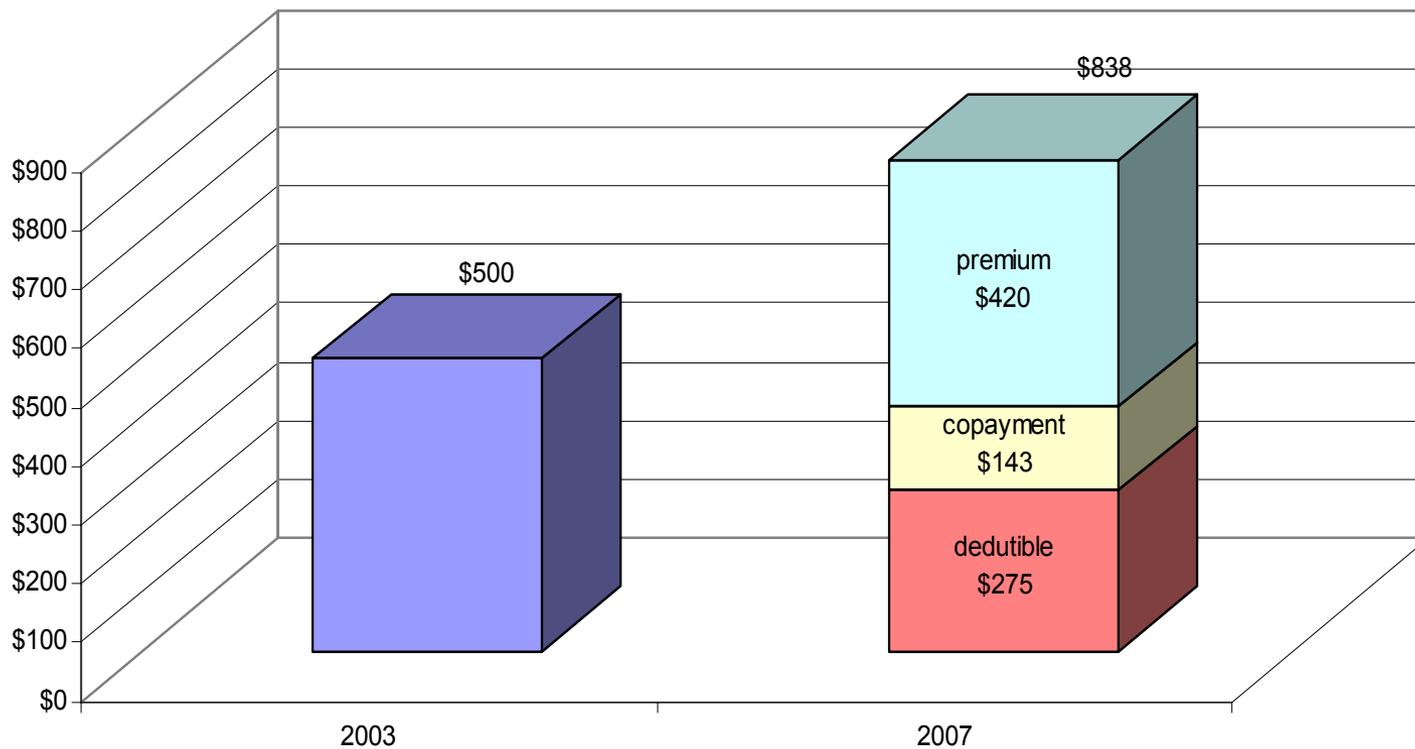


Chart 3

Conference Committee Proposal: Spender in Middle Third Pays More in 2007

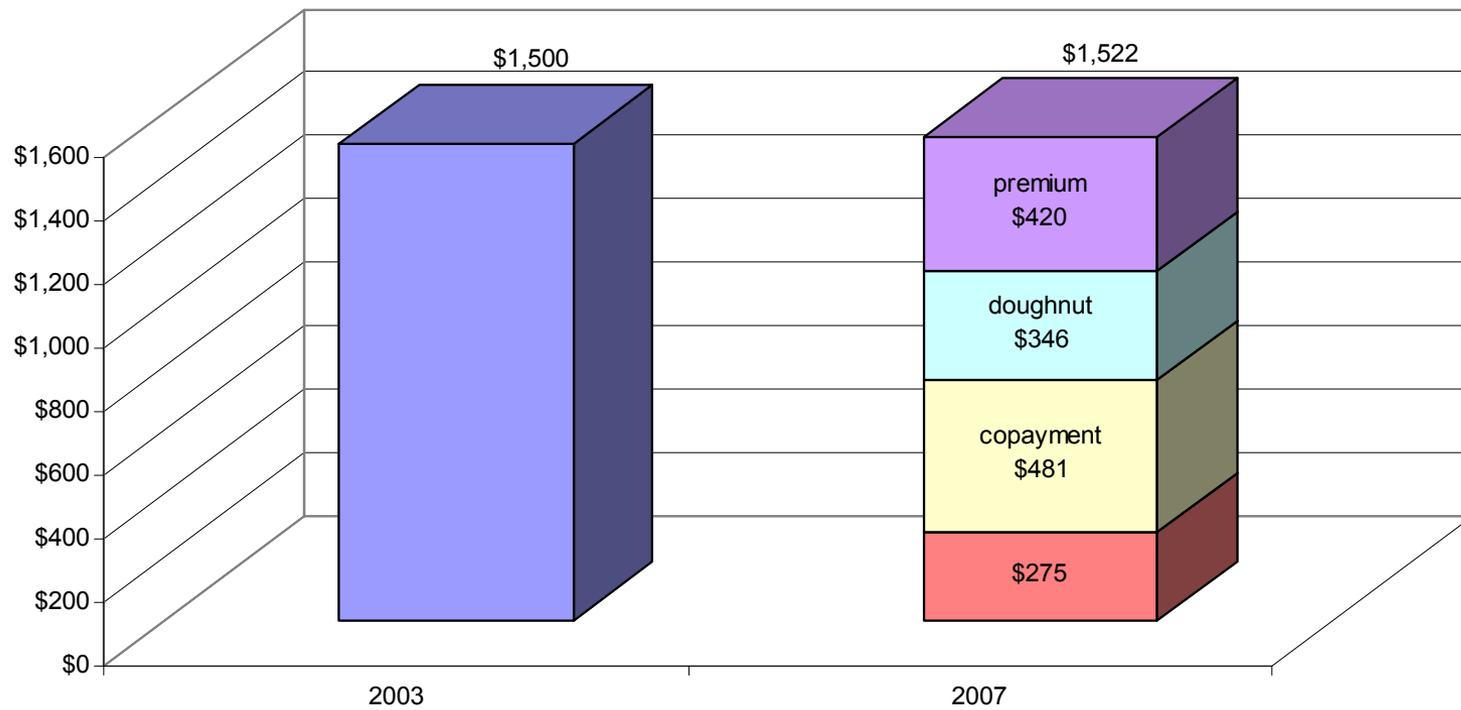


Chart 4

**Conference Committee Proposal:
Beneficiary (without prescription coverage in 2003) with High Spending
Faces Increased Out-of-Pocket Costs**

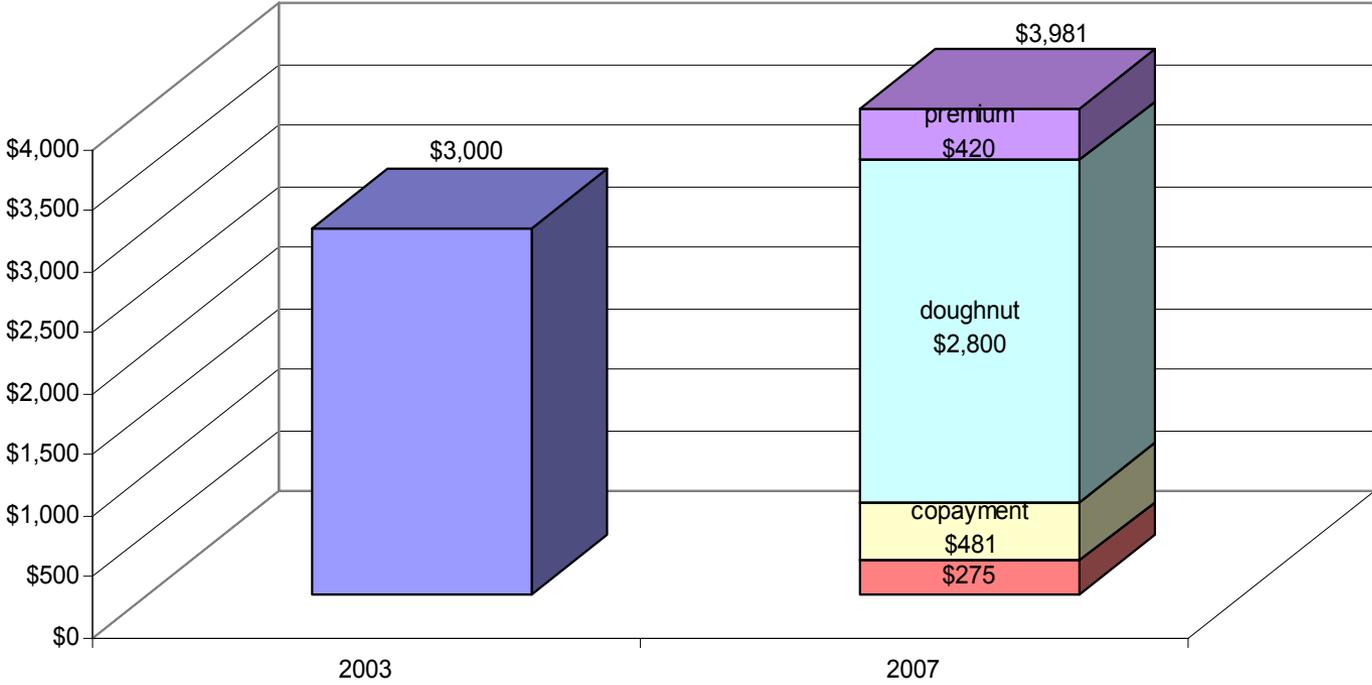


Chart 5

**Conference Committee Proposal:
Person with Catastrophic Needs Gets Modest Relief**

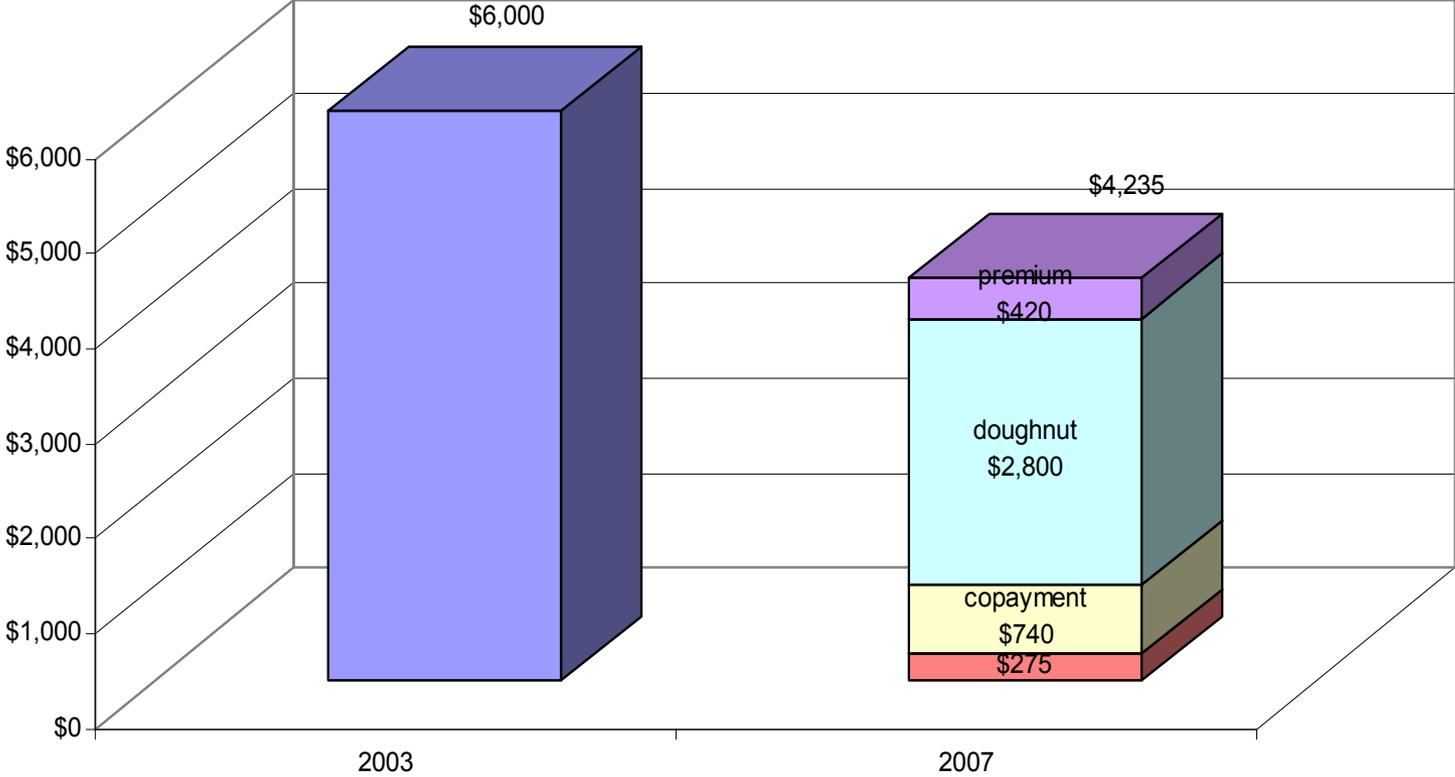


Chart 6