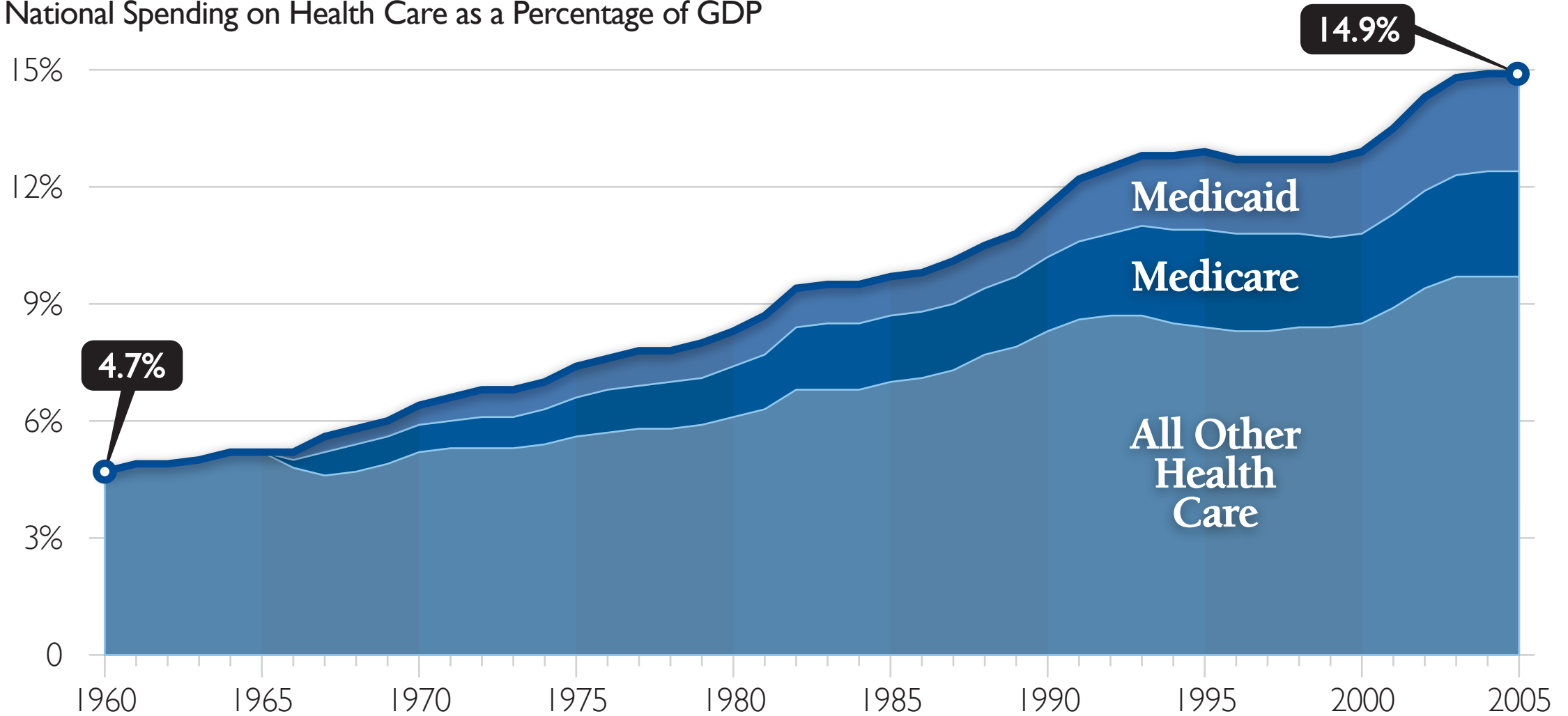


# Medicare and Medicaid Spending Will Rise with Increasing Health Care Costs

Health care costs have risen faster than the economy over the past few decades. This directly contributes to the uncontrolled growth of Medicare and Medicaid costs. Health care costs are expected to continue increasing rapidly in the future and will be one of the main drivers of future increases in entitlement spending.

National Spending on Health Care as a Percentage of GDP



Source: Congressional Budget Office.