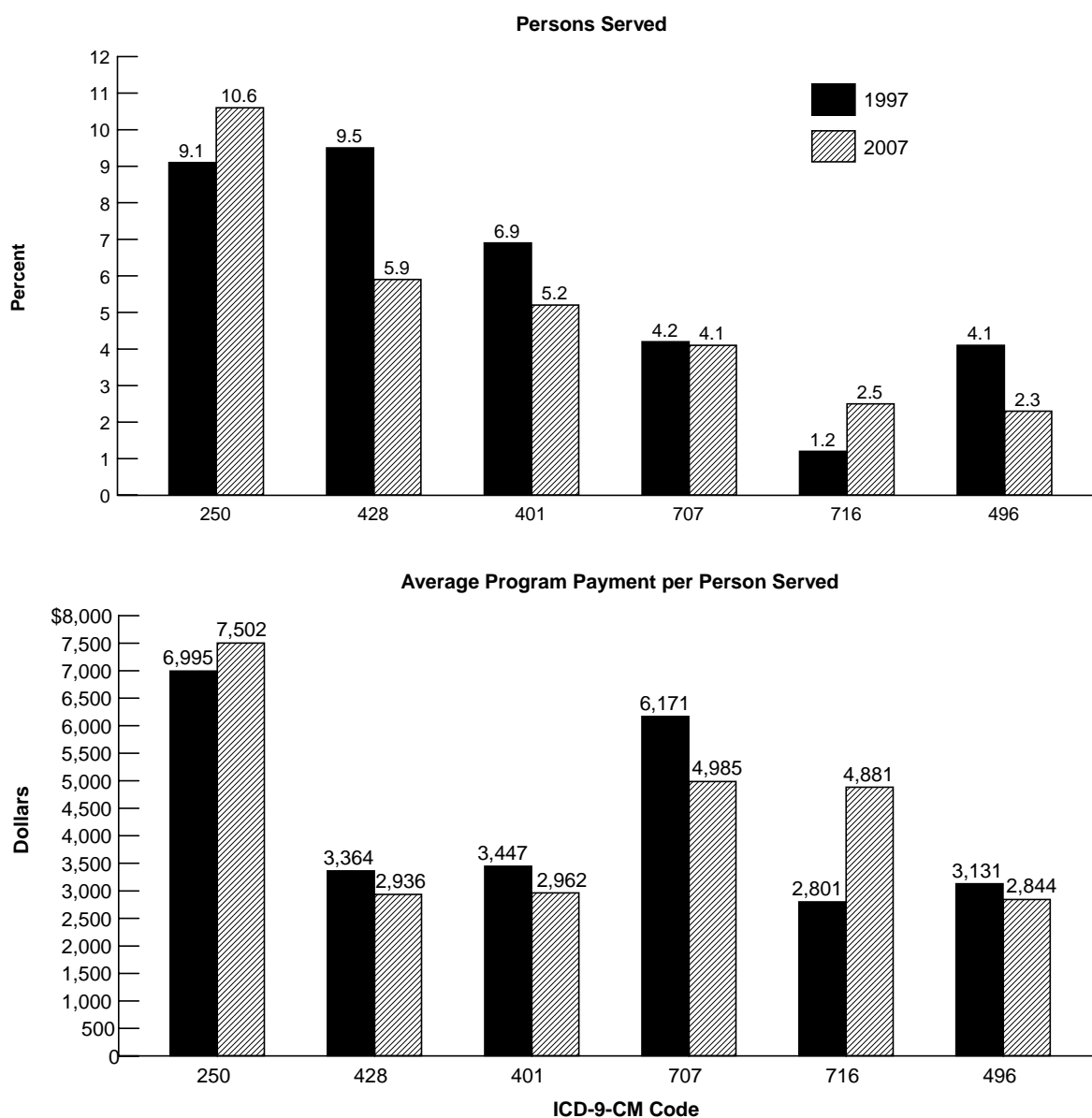


**Figure 7.3**  
**Trends in the Six Most Frequent Medicare Home Health Agency Diagnoses: Calendar Years 1997 and 2007**



NOTES: Diagnoses have the following codes from the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification* (Volume 1): diabetes mellitus, 250; heart failure, 428; essential hypertension, 401; chronic ulcer of skin 707; other and unspecified arthropathies, 716; and chronic airway obstruction, not elsewhere classified 496. The home health prospective payment system was implemented beginning October 1, 2000.

SOURCE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Information Services: Data from the Medicare Data Extract System; data development by the Office of Research, Development, and Information.