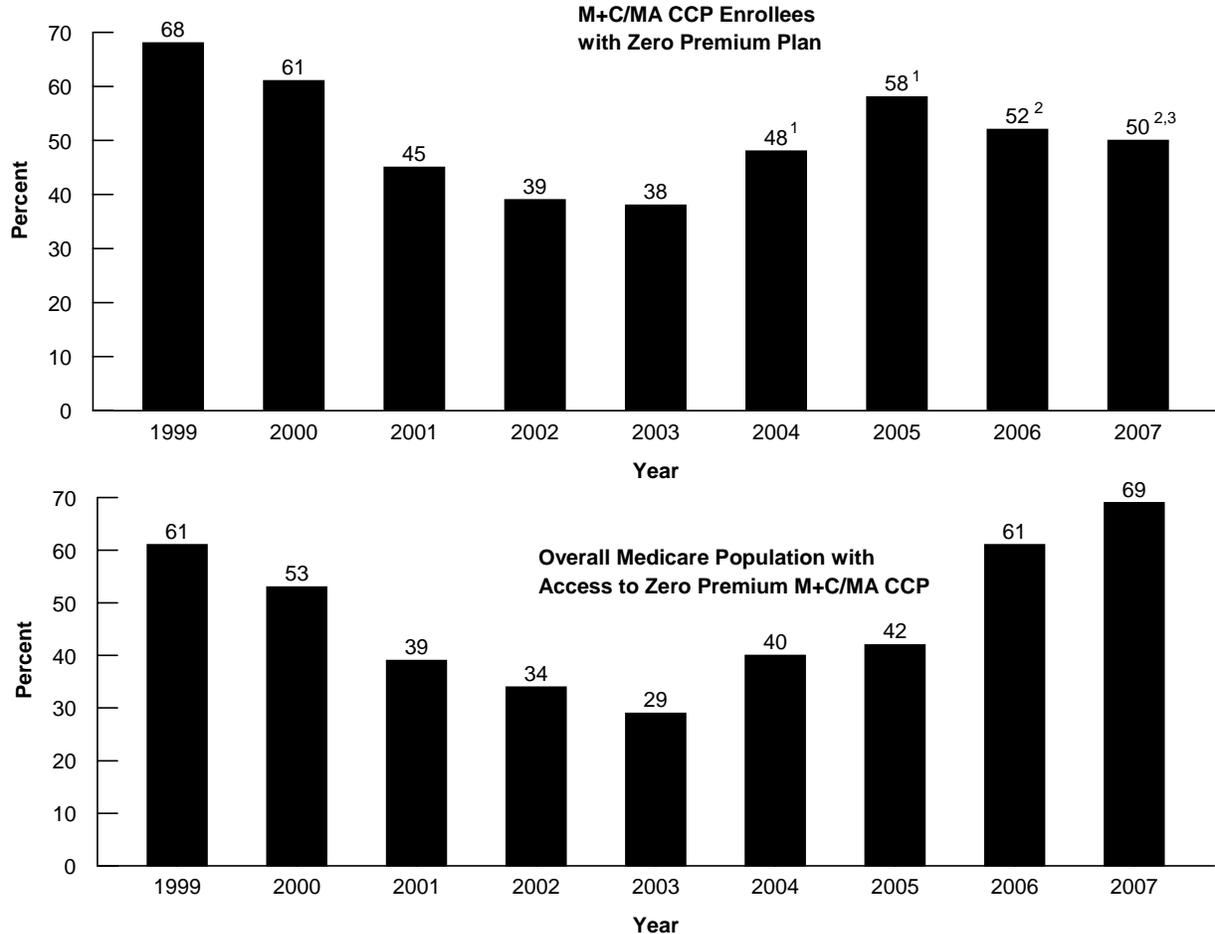


**Figure 12.9**  
**Changes in Access to or Coverage Under a Zero Premium Plan: Calendar Years 1999-2007**



<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2004, enrollees in managed care plans were assigned to the zero premium category if a zero premium plan was offered in the county of residence, regardless of actual plan's premium. Beginning 2004, categorization is based on premium of plan in which the beneficiary is enrolled, thus depressing the trend based on the prior methodology.

<sup>2</sup> Beginning 2006, premium categorization combines the Part C and Part D premium. Analysis only covers selected CCP types. Enrolled coverage is the percent of the actual targeted CCP population with zero premium.

<sup>3</sup> For 2007 the Part B only plans were excluded from the computation of the Medicare population access (since no new Part B enrollees are allowed and consequently access to new enrollees is not provided). The effect of this exclusion was negligible since there are so few Part B only enrollees.

NOTES: M+C is Medicare+Choice. MA is Medicare Advantage. CCP is coordinated care plan. The 2005 data are as of March 2005. The 2006 and 2007 data are as of December of that year.

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