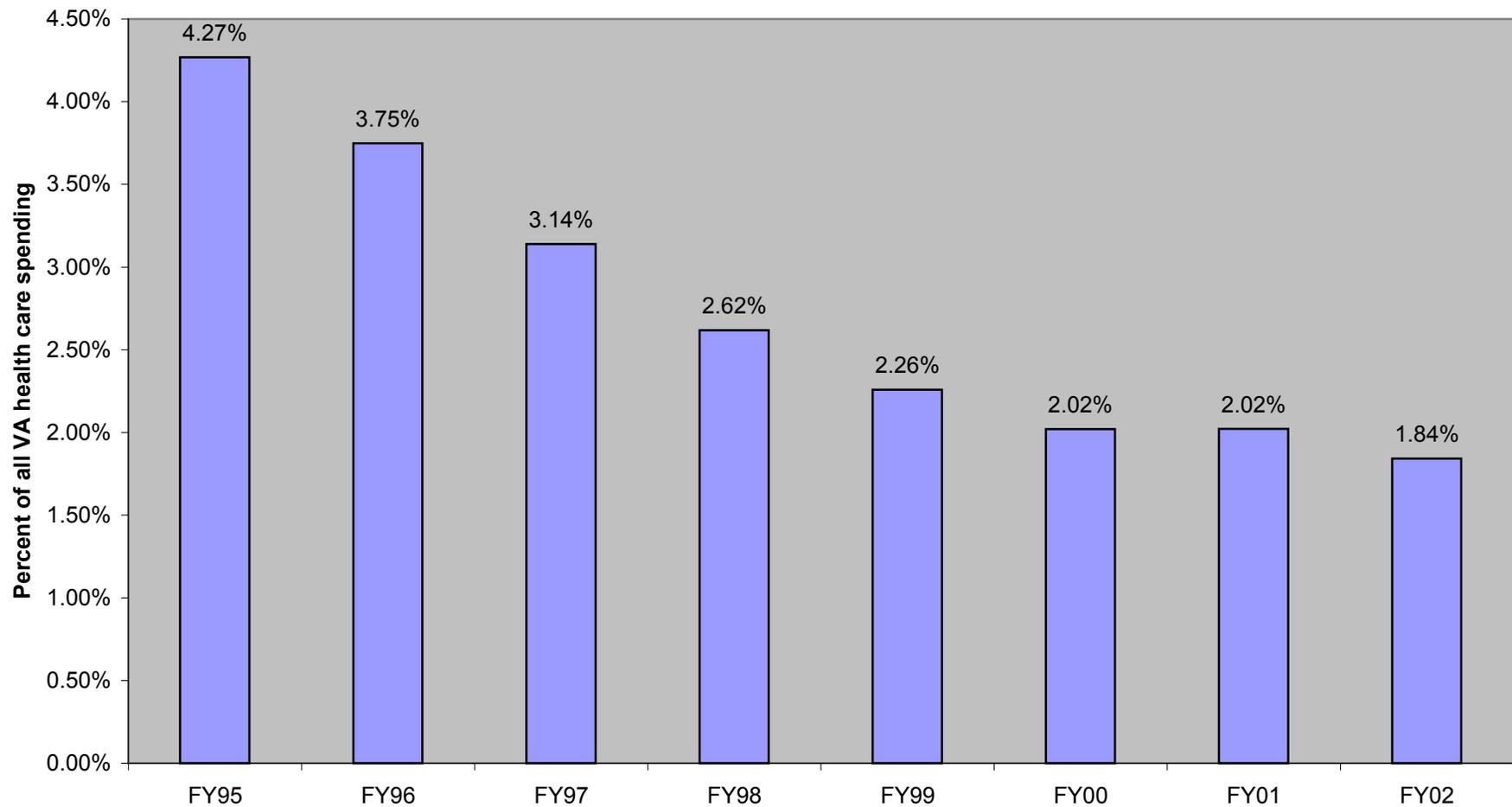
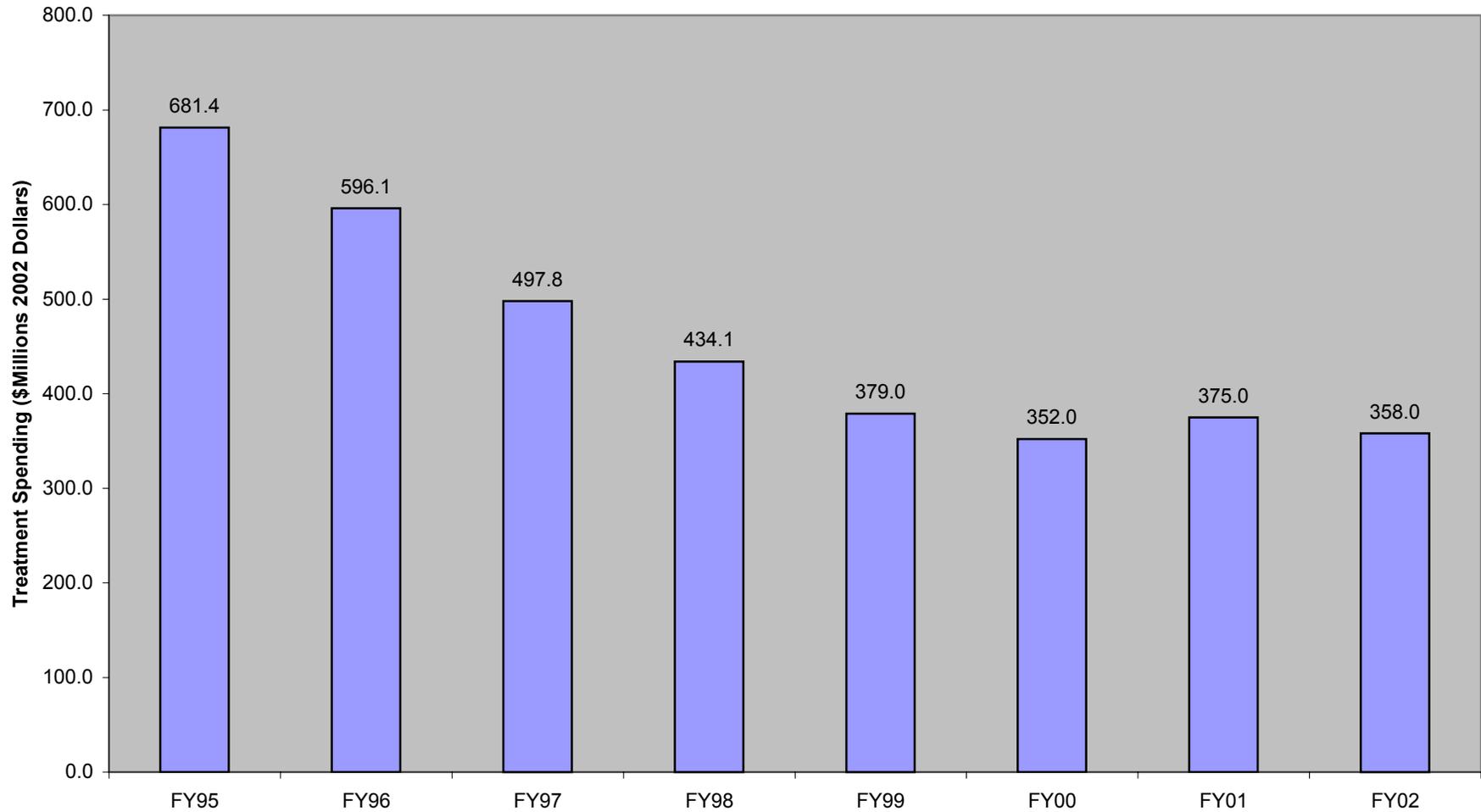


Specialty Substance Abuse Treatments' Share of All VA Health Care Spending Has Been Declining Since 1995



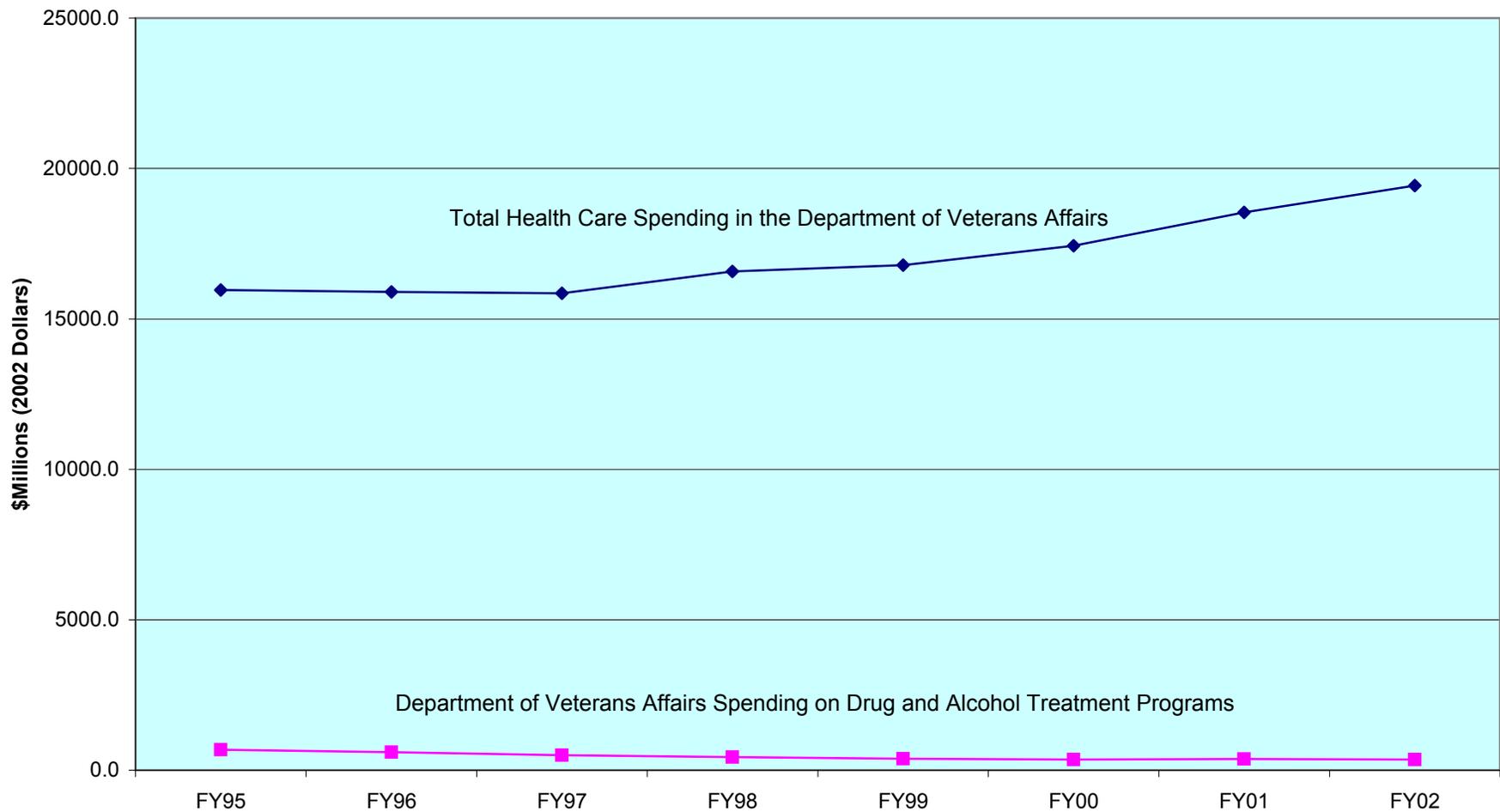
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