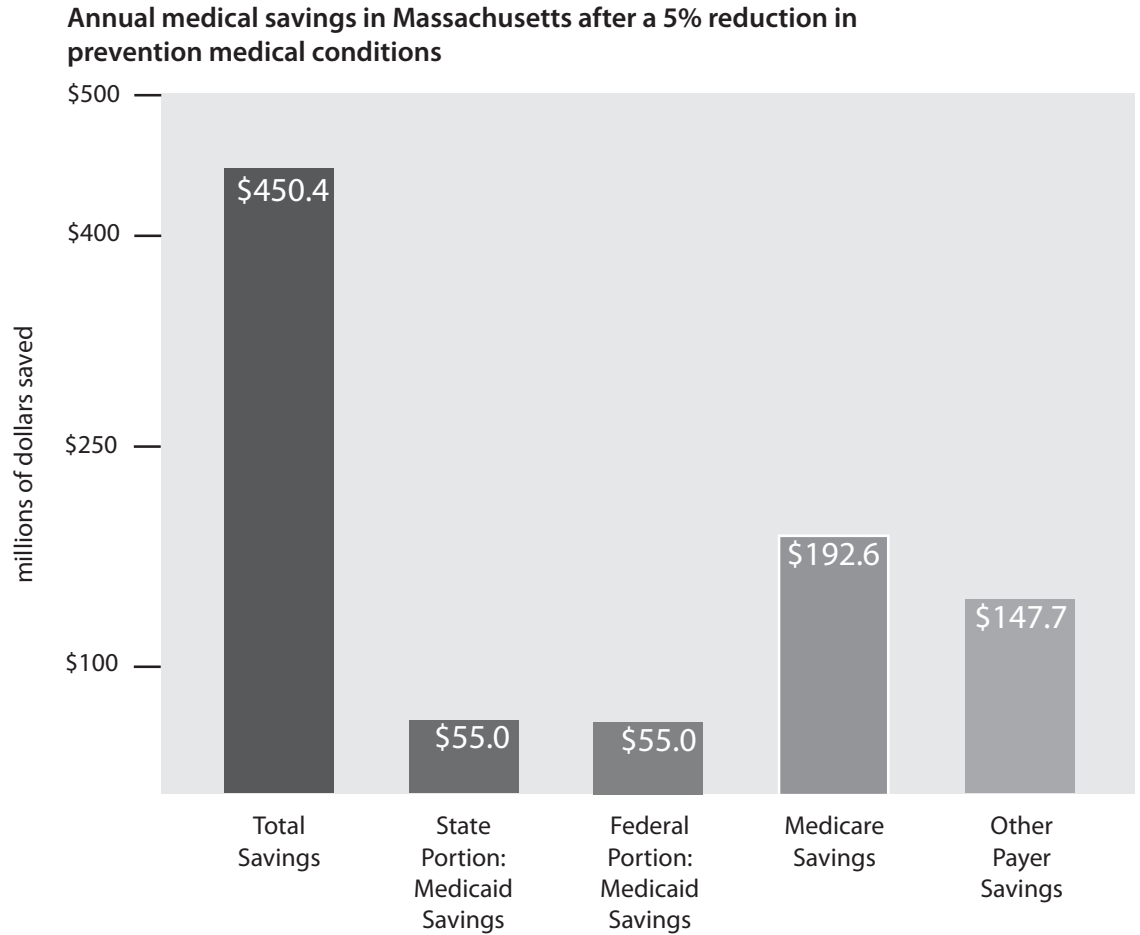




We Cannot Afford the Rising Cost of Preventable Disease



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Reducing the prevalence of diabetes and hypertension by a mere 5% would lead to large decreases in medical costs within only a few years.

Much of the high costs of these diseases lie in treating their complications – such as heart disease, stroke, and renal disease.

By avoiding these complications, Massachusetts could begin saving \$450.4 million dollars per year within 5 years.