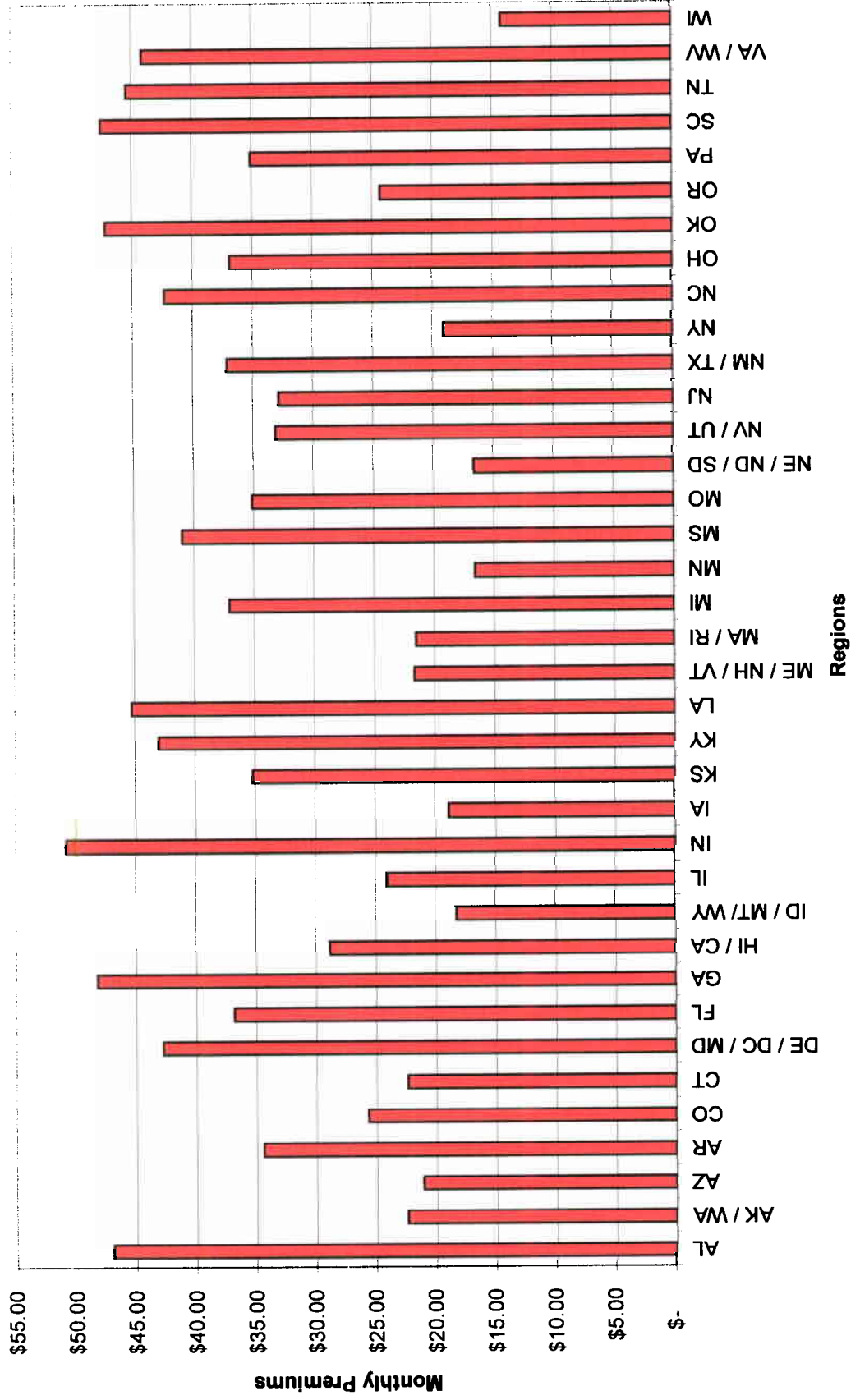
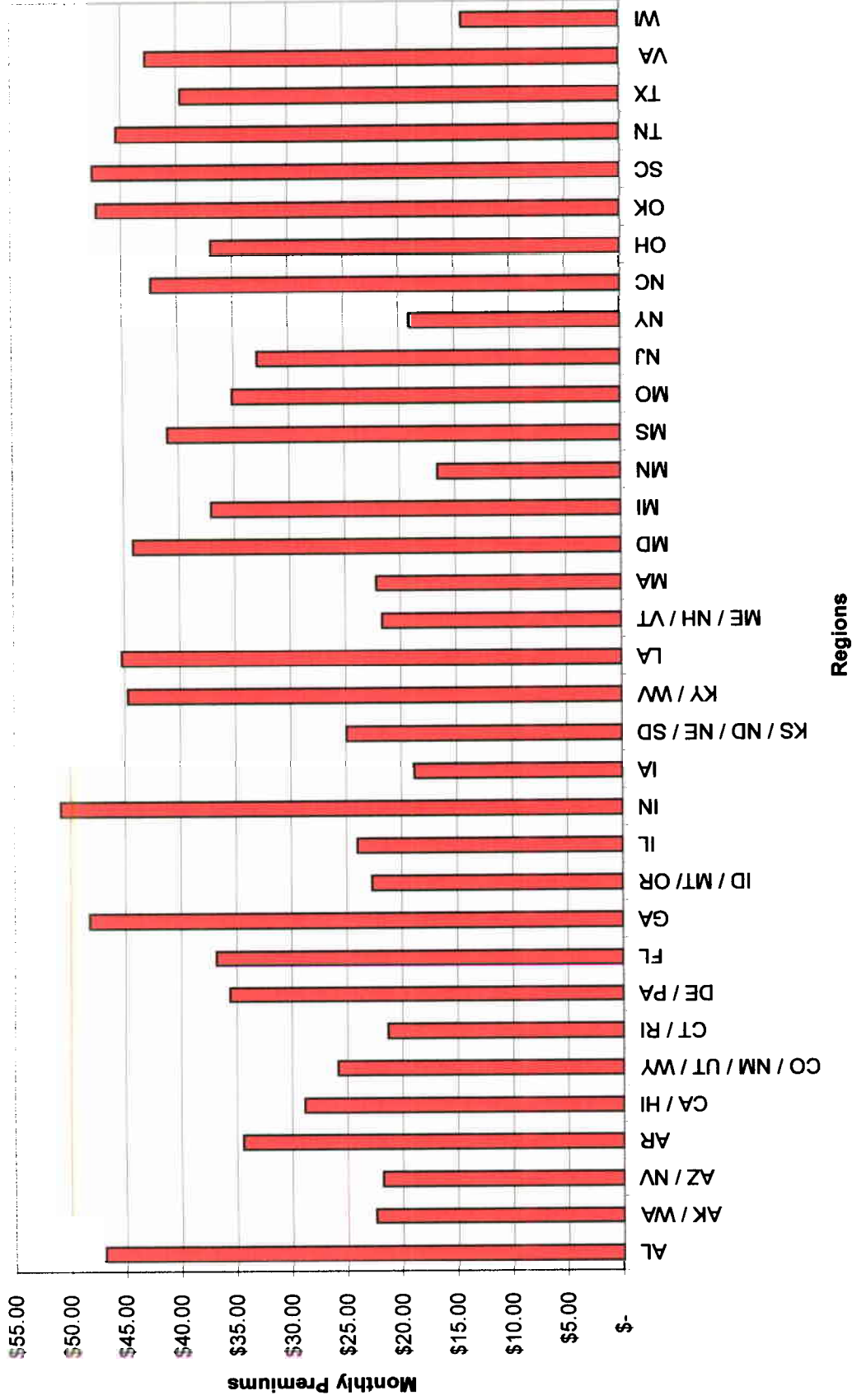


**Illustrative Medicare Drug Premiums Vary 357% with 37 Regions**



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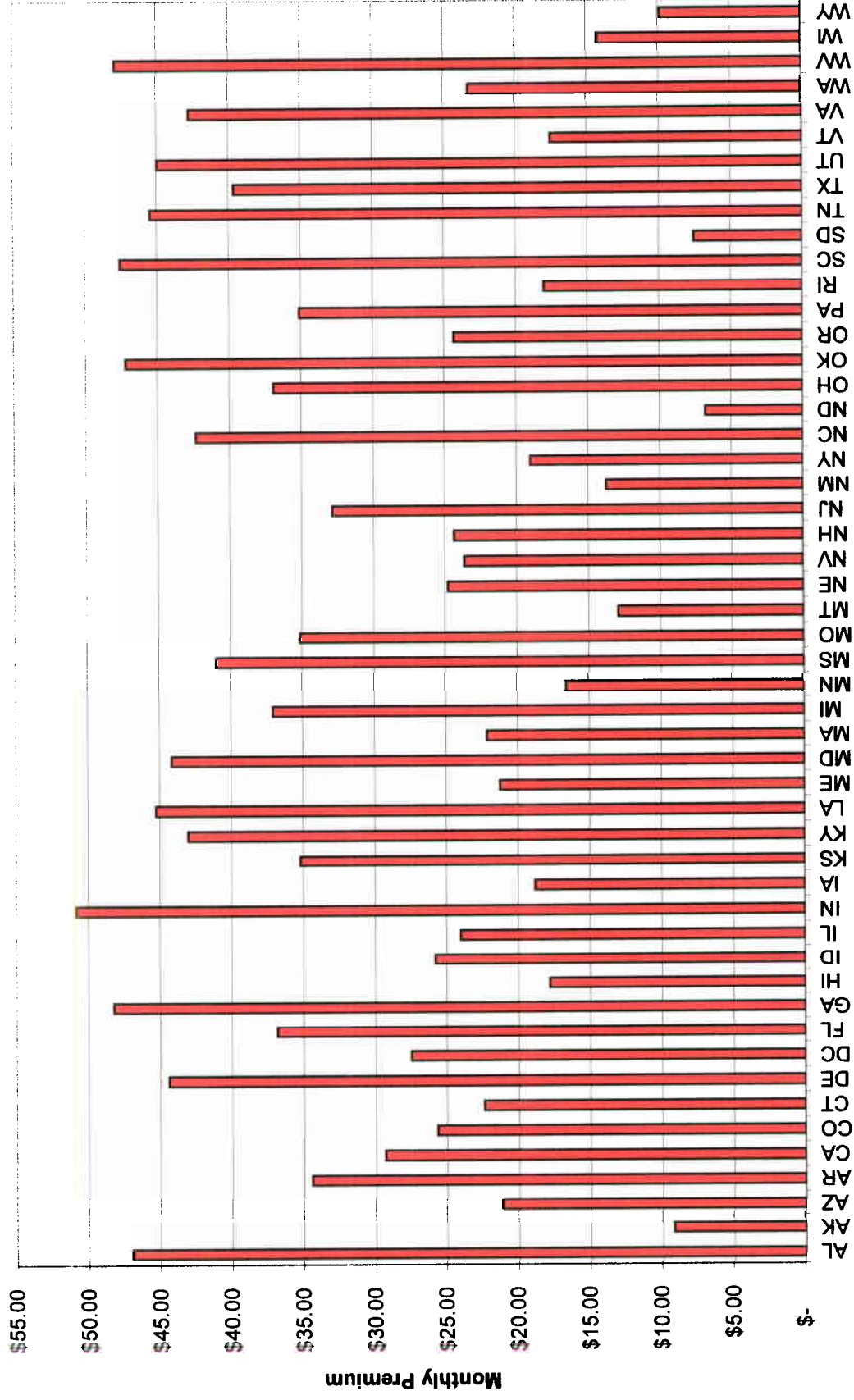
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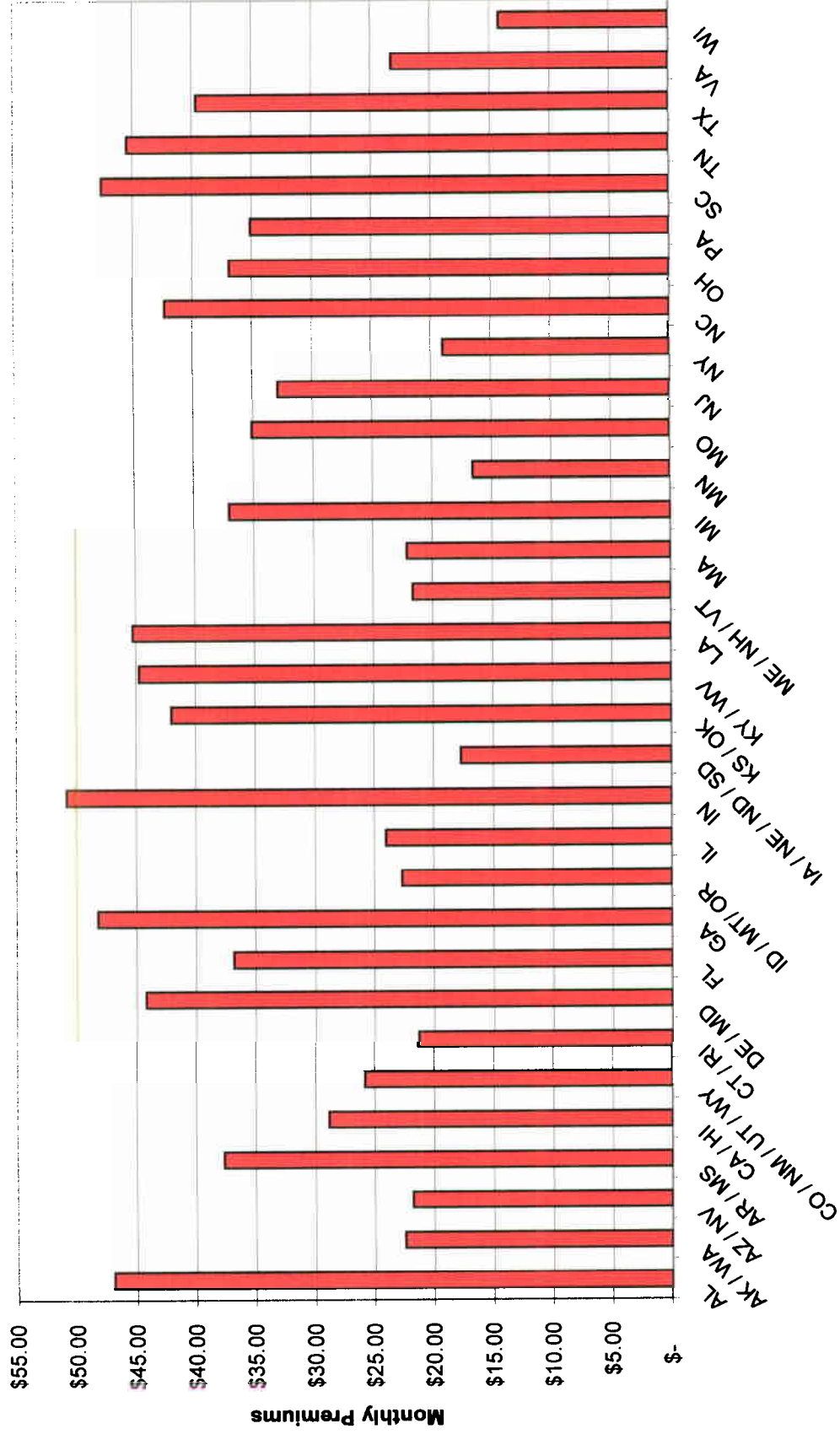
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### Illustrative Medicare Drug Premiums Vary by Nearly 750% by State



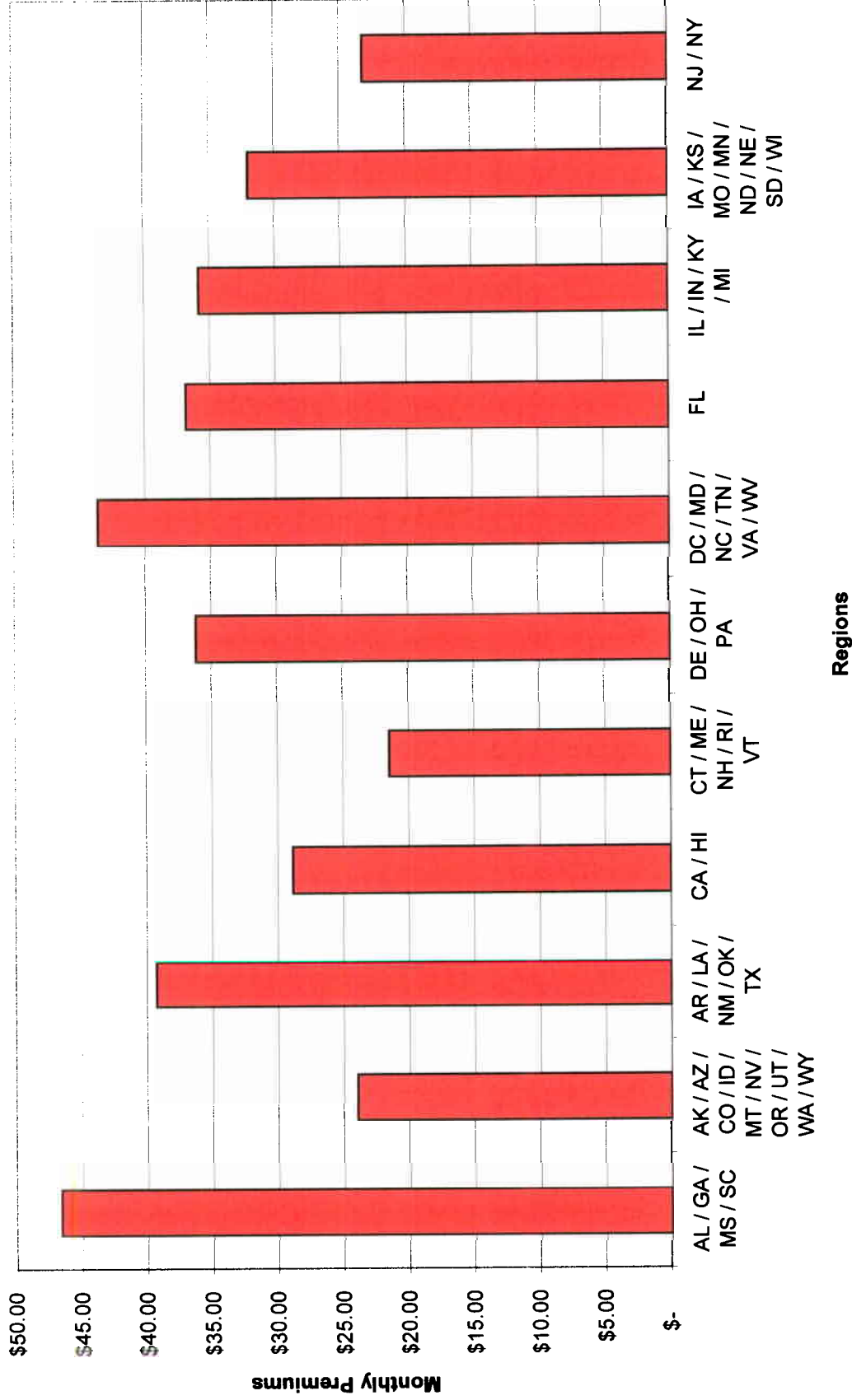
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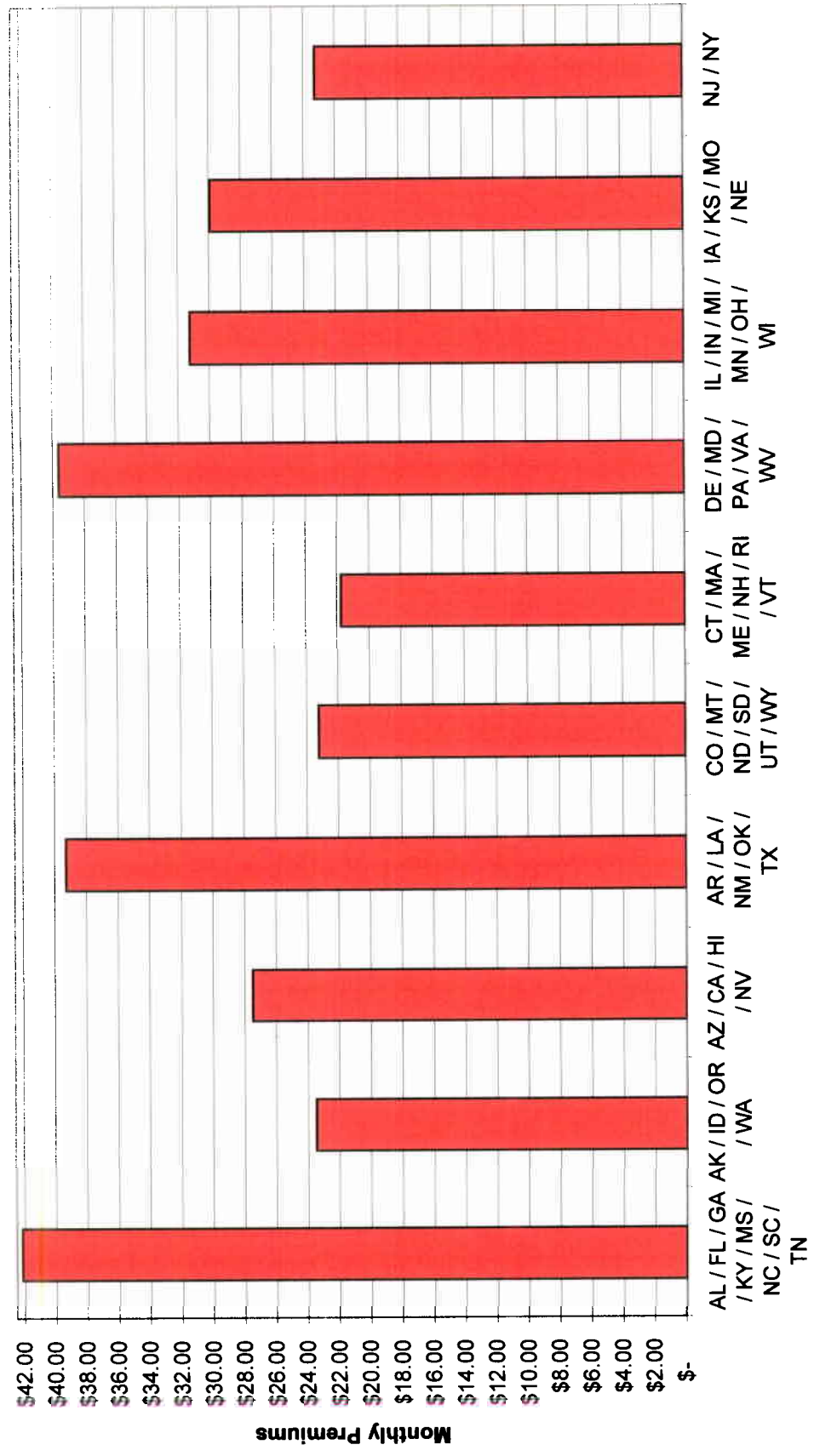
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### Medicare Drug Premiums Could Vary by 217% Even with 11 Regions



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**Minimum Number of Regions Likely to Result in Significant Variation:  
Illustrative Medicare Drug Premium Nearly Twice as High in the South (v New England)**



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