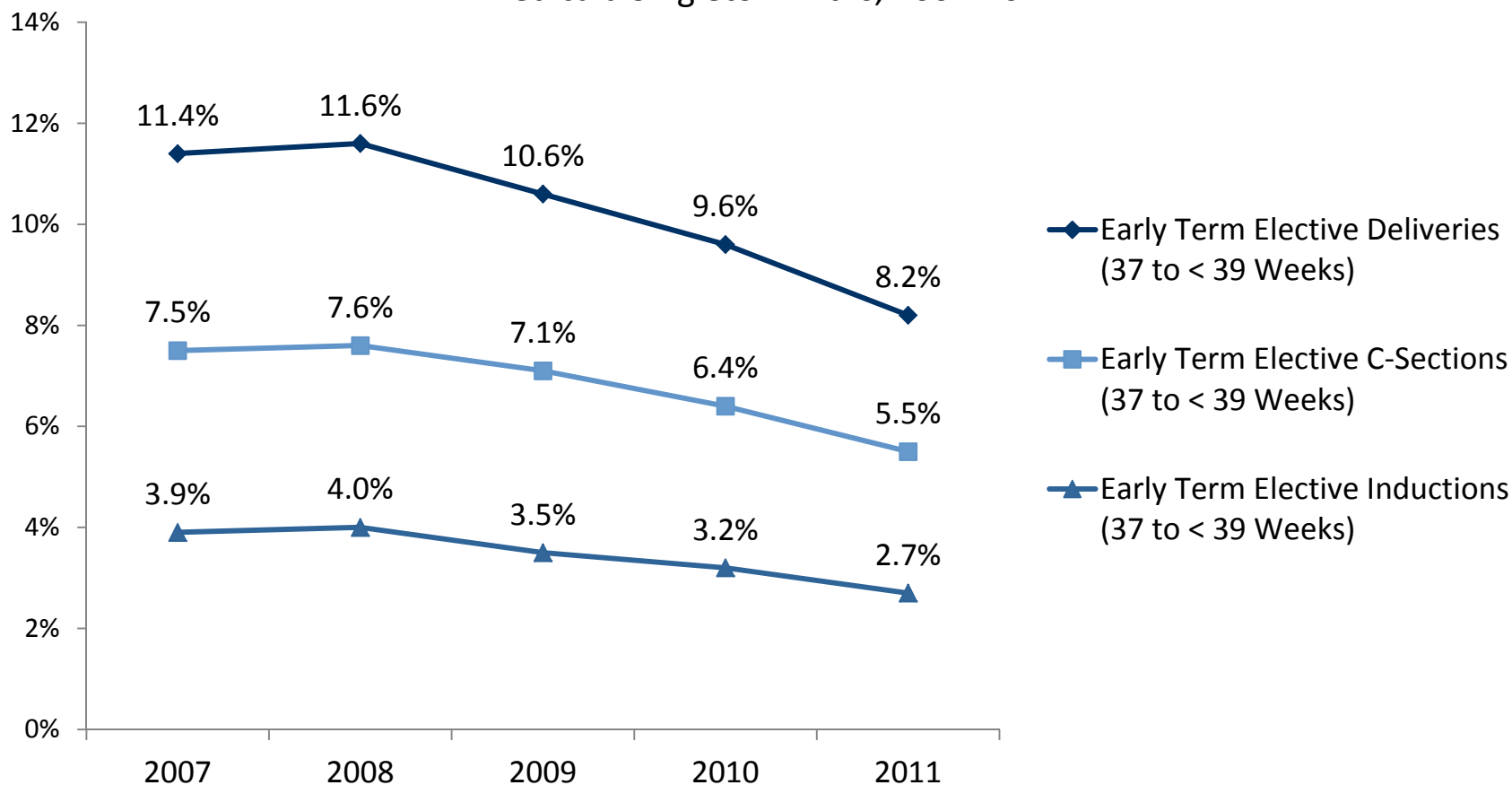


# The Rates of Early Term Elective Inductions and Cesarean Sections Fell Between 2007 and 2011

Trends in Early Term Elective Deliveries (37 to < 39 Weeks) as a Proportion of Medicaid Singleton Births, 2007-2011

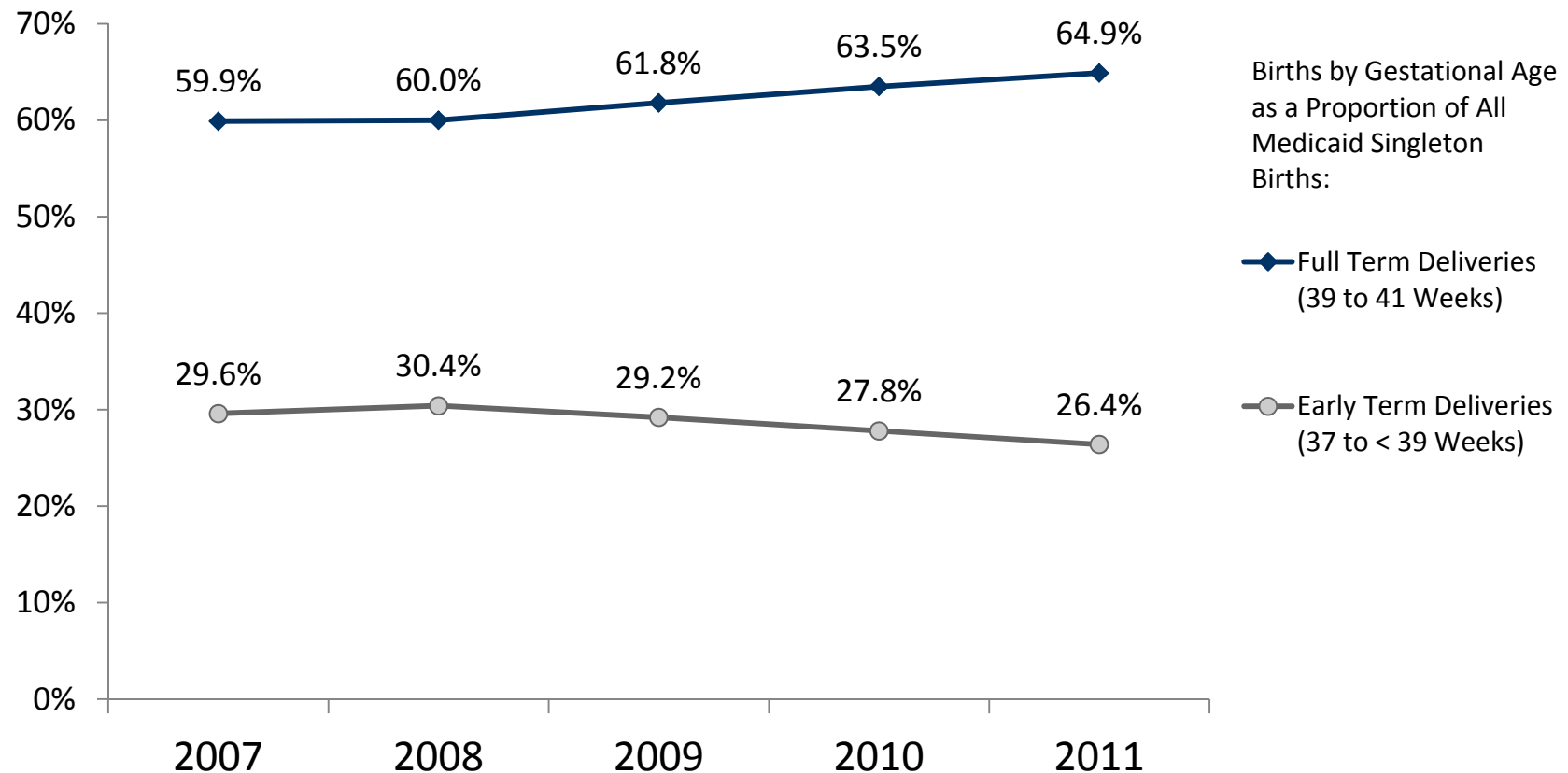


Notes: Data are from 12 states that reported data for each year in the 5-year reporting period (AK, AL, CA, CO, FL, IA, ID, LA, SD, VT, WA, WV). Elective deliveries are all C-sections or inductions without a reported medical indication on the birth certificate. Early elective deliveries are those under 39 weeks gestational age. Some elective inductions result in a C-section (15% across the 22 states in this study); when an elective induction and a C-section occur in the same delivery, the delivery is counted as an elective induction.

Source: AcademyHealth analysis of state-reported data for Medicaid Medical Directors' Perinatal Project.

# Over the 5-Year Period, the Proportion of Early Term Births Declined and the Proportion of Full Term Deliveries Increased from 59.9% to 64.9%

Trend in Medicaid Singleton Births by Gestational Age, 2007-2011



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