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RISING PRICES



Spending more per unit of healthcare is the major reason U.S. spending increases every year — not increases in the number of services we get. A major reason for rising prices is market power that enables providers, drug manufacturers and others to charge prices substantially above cost.

UNNECESSARY SERVICES AND MEDICAL HARM



Estimates suggest that overtreatment or low-value care accounts for \$75.7 billion to \$101.2 billion in annual spending that does not improve patients' health outcomes. Perhaps the most egregious form of healthcare waste is medical harm.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS



Research shows that social determinants of health — like safe housing, access to healthy foods and transportation — are responsible for 50 percent of an individual's health status, while clinical care drives only 20 percent.