

A Study on Medical Inflation Affects Healthcare Costs and Quality

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Abstract: *Medical inflation is a term that describes the increase in the cost or usage of healthcare services over time. It can affect healthcare costs and quality in various ways, depending on the region, the type of service, and the demand and supply factors. Some of the possible effects are*

Higher health insurance premiums: As the cost of medical care rises, health insurance companies may have to charge higher premiums to cover their expenses and risks. This can make health insurance less affordable and accessible for many people, especially those with low incomes or pre-existing conditions.

Higher out-of-pocket expenses: Even with health insurance, consumers may have to pay more for deductibles, co-payments, coinsurance, and other fees when they use healthcare services. This can reduce their disposable income and increase their financial burden.

Lower quality of care: Medical inflation can also affect the quality of care that consumers receive. For example, some providers may reduce their staff, equipment, or facilities to cut costs, which can compromise their safety and efficiency. Some consumers may also delay or avoid seeking care due to high costs, which can worsen their health outcomes.

Innovation and competition: On the positive side, medical inflation can also stimulate innovation and competition in the healthcare sector. For example, new technologies, treatments, and medicines can improve the diagnosis and management of diseases, as well as extend life expectancy. However, these innovations also come at a high price, which can contribute to further medical inflation. Competition among providers can also drive down prices and improve quality, but it can also lead to market consolidation and reduced choices for consumers. landscape of medical inflation and make the best healthcare decisions for you and your family..

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