

# New Video explainer Focuses on Primary Driver of High Health Care Prices: Health Care Consolidation

Health care consolidation has been on the rise for decades, leading to higher health care prices, not higher quality. Today, two-thirds of hospitals in the U.S. are part of a larger health system; almost 1 in 3 physicians now works in a hospital-owned practice. Many regions are dominated by a single system, leaving patients and families without access to affordable, high-quality care.

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Arnold Ventures recently released the [second video](#) in a series about high health care prices and the impact they have on health care costs and affordability for consumers, employers, and taxpayers. The [first explainer video](#) was released earlier this summer, along with a poll that showed that a majority of voters believe it is very important for policymakers to take action to lower health care prices, including limiting the prices hospitals can charge.

See also the Source [Market Consolidation](#) key issue page for more information.

