

Source Team Analyzes Importance of New Merger Guidelines for Health Affairs Forefront

In a new piece published in *Health Affairs Forefront* titled “How Will the New Draft Merger Guidelines Impact Health Care Markets?”, The Source’s Amy Gu, Katherine Gudiksen, and Jaime King examine [new draft Merger Guidelines](#) released by the Federal Trade Commissions and Department of Justice building on a previous [executive order](#) intended to strengthen competition and enhance antitrust enforcement.

The authors analyze the new guidelines, as well as the harms caused by health care consolidation. The piece concludes that the draft merger guidelines break new ground by addressing the increasingly complex types of consolidation that have emerged in the health care industry, and that the new guidelines take a significant step toward aligning antitrust enforcement with current health care market realities.

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