Rate Setting Doesn’t Protect Patients, Doesn’t Reduce Costs, and Doesn’t Ensure Access

California hospitals are working hard to hold costs in check for struggling families.

CA Hospitals

5.4% California hospital costs per capita are 5.4% below national average

3x faster: rate of increase over 10 years of insurance company’s share of health care costs compared to hospitals

Share of national health care spending attributable to hospitals down by 17% since 1980

Health insurance prices rising fast

Unadjusted percentage change from previous year

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly consumer price index reports; www.modernhealthcare.com

Rate setting exacerbates:

$ consumers’ inability to find an in-network provider for care

👀 a “thumb on the scale” for insurers

⚠️ reduced access to a full range of health care services

CA Insurers

92% of California’s commercial insurance market is controlled by 6 companies

Premiums up 23.7% for employer-sponsored coverage between 2014 and 2017

2x: percentage of workers in high-deductible health plans between 2010-2018