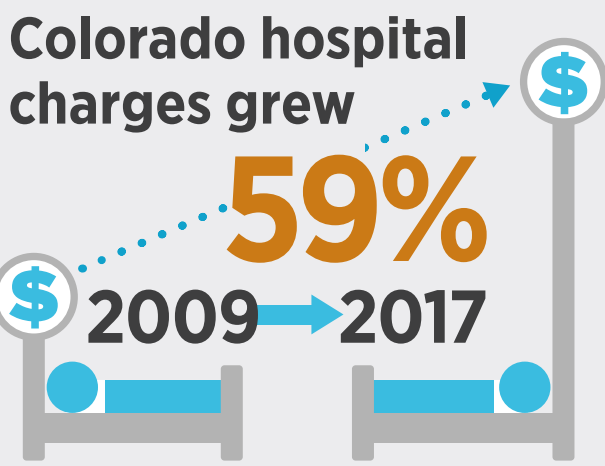


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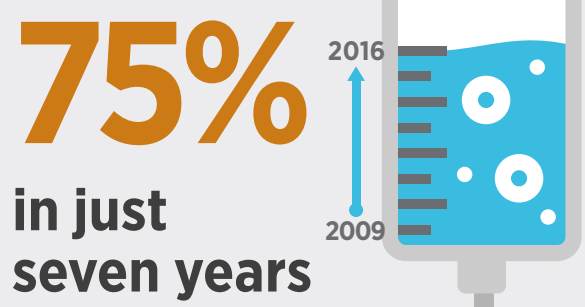
No doubt about it, health care costs are rising and it's a concern for all of us. It's not simple, but it's important to know the facts around the numerous variables that make up health insurance premiums. One key component of this annual expense? **Hospital costs.**



Based on a hospital's market power, they can charge private health care payers (insurers and employers) different prices, and **higher prices don't necessarily reflect quality of services.**

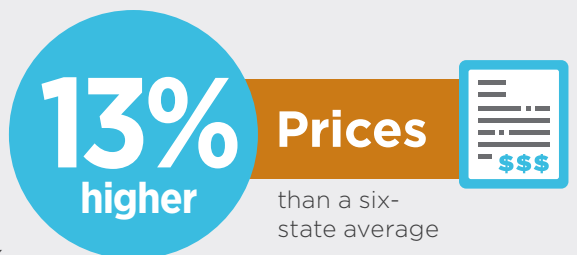
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Colorado hospitals increased prices charged to insurers, resulting in higher premiums for consumers



SOURCE: The Denver Post: *Coloradans pay more as hospital building spree leads to empty beds and profits nearly twice the national average*

Colorado hospitals have higher charges in key areas



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