

Hospital Prices Continue To Climb

Overall hospital prices increased 0.2 percent in September, and were 3.0 percent higher than a year previous, according to a recent report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This relates to actual or expected reimbursement for a sample of treatments or services.

The increased prices are attributed to a number of factors:

- Natural price increases relevant to any marketplace.
- Additional support for dealing with insurance companies.
- Increasing pay scales for a more experienced workforce.
- Added environmental controls and their associated costs.

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