

NEW JERSEY COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE HOSPITALS

The New Jersey Coalition for Affordable Hospitals is a coalition of labor unions, healthcare providers, community organizations, and social justice advocates committed to using our collective power to lower hospital prices.

Our story

The New Jersey Coalition for Affordable Hospitals formed in November 2022 following the announcement that State Health Benefits Program rates would increase by **more than 20%** the following year. This news prompted our members to join forces to address the root cause of the healthcare affordability crisis — **high and rising hospital prices**. Since then, the Coalition has worked tirelessly to educate the public and team up with leaders across New Jersey to tackle rising healthcare costs head on.

Why focus on hospital prices?

National data shows that hospital prices have increased **significantly more** than other healthcare costs, including prescription drugs or physicians' services. Spending on hospital services alone accounts for about **35%** of all New Jersey healthcare spending each year. As recently as 2023, New Jersey families had the highest average insurance premiums in the country, largely due to covering hospital costs.

Prices are increasing year after year, and patients can't keep up.

CMS Health Care Expenditures by State of Residence; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

CPI Inflation since 2009

- Hospital Services
- Physicians' Services
- Prescription Drugs
- Food
- Housing

