

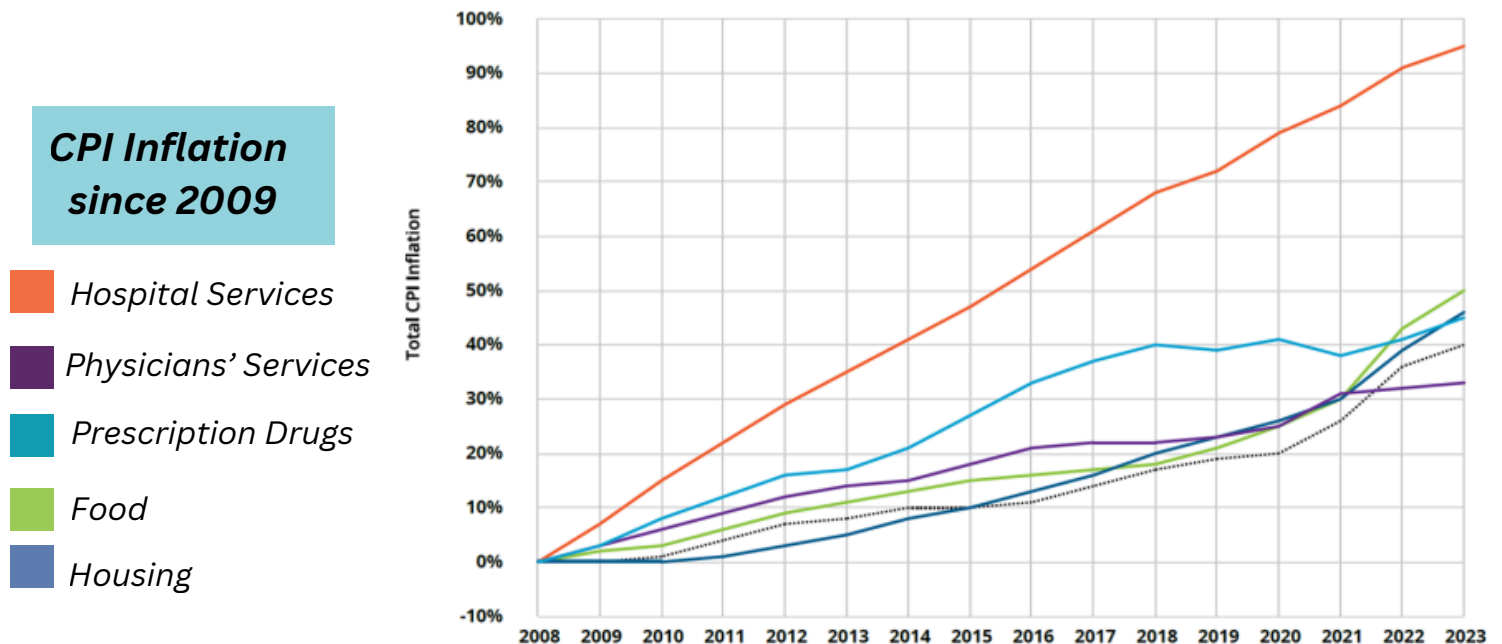
We are a diverse coalition of labor unions, community organizations, and advocates committed to using our collective power to **lower hospital prices** and protect access to **high quality, affordable healthcare** for all **New Yorkers**.

Our story

The New York Coalition for Affordable Hospitals was established in 2021 to tackle out-of-control hospital prices. Since then, our coalition has worked to pass legislation to promote hospital price transparency, prevent anti-competitive contracting, and establish the New York City Office of Healthcare Accountability (OHA). The OHA is the first municipal office of its kind, empowering the city government to monitor healthcare costs and price variations, assess the city's healthcare spending, and deliver recommendations to curb excessive costs. Our coalition is now working to bring hospital price transparency and accountability across New York through legislation and public information campaigns.

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. The **prices for hospital services** have risen at **2x the rate of inflation—100% overall since 2008**.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Since 2010, average individual and family premiums in New York have risen by 76% and 79% respectively, largely due to covering hospital costs. In 2024, **68%** of New Yorkers experienced the burden of healthcare affordability— forgoing insurance, delaying care, struggling to pay bills, or all of the above. This is not sustainable, and everyday New Yorkers can't keep up

Sources: Fiscal Policy Institute, CSSNY

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High prices are a result of unchecked consolidation

The New York hospitals with the highest prices are not the ones providing the most care to vulnerable communities, but those who have the **most market power**. Over the last decade, large hospital systems have purchased independent practices at an alarming rate. **55%** of U.S. physicians are now employed by hospitals or health systems, enabling the wealthiest systems to charge higher prices for routine care.

Sources: *32BJ LICF 9/24 Issue Brief, Brown University*

Hospital systems impact everyone

Not only are patients paying higher premiums and co-pays, but employers and unions are paying more for benefits than ever before. For 32BJ SEIU, 40¢ cents of every \$1 earned at the bargaining table is spent on healthcare, leaving less room for wage or pension increases. Almost 80% of small business owners reported that rising costs have forced them to make changes to their health plans.

New York City and State provide benefits to over 1 million public employees and retirees. By addressing the root cause of healthcare spending and slowing down hospital price increases, municipal budgets could see over \$1 billion in potential savings. Healthcare affordability is everyone’s problem—that is why we invite everyone to be a part of the solution.

Sources: *32BJ LICF, Small Business Majority*

Our current work

The coalition is currently advocating for the **Fair Pricing Act**, A2140/S705, which will cap prices for routine, outpatient care at 150% of Medicare. The Fair Pricing Act prevents wealthy systems from charging more for routine care, and ensures that patients are paying the same price for the same service no matter where they seek care.

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We look forward to working together in service of a healthier, more affordable New York.
Please email LICF@32BJFunds.com for more information on joining us in this fight.