



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## **Hospitals Want to Charge More for Same Care**

Medicare allows hospital-owned clinics to charge more than a private clinic for the same services. There is bipartisan support in Congress for paying hospitals and private clinics the same amount. Site-neutral payments could save Medicare about \$100 billion over a decade, and it could stop hospitals from using those higher payments to buy up private clinics.

Hospitals oppose site-neutral payments saying they need more. Now consider a report that found the top 20 non-profit, tax-exempt hospitals received \$23 billion from taxpayers in COVID aid. Site neutral payments make sense. Building a parallel system of cash-based care and real insurance also makes sense. We're building it at [JointheWedge.com](https://www.jointhewedge.com)

**“1 big thing: Hospitals put on defensive over site-neutral payments,” Tina Reed, April 27, 2023: <https://bit.ly/3OtKEDM>**

**“Top 20 non-profit hospitals raked in \$23 billion from taxpayer-funded COVID aid while profits soared: Report,” Paul Sacca, The Blaze, May 14, 2023: <https://bit.ly/3pNLX6a>**

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