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The State Law that Limits Care

Thirty-six state legislatures have restricted market forces in health care through “certificate-of-need” laws. In these states, health care providers can’t expand their facility or set up a new clinic or hospital unless they can prove to the state that there’s a need.

In 20 states, where MRI and CT scans are stifled by certificate-of-need laws, patients have 20 to 30 percent fewer options for scans, leading to fewer scans. And 3 to 8 percent of patients are forced to go out of the state to get the scans they need. One study found certificate of need laws resulted in 48% fewer hospitals. If you want faster access and shorter waits for care, repeal certificate of need programs.


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