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Walmart or The WEDGE?

Walmart may buy Humana, the nation's fourth largest health plan. Already Walmart owns pharmacies and clinics. It negotiates for health benefits for its 1.5 million employees. It sends them to hospitals that Walmart has contracted with for certain services at fixed prices, such as knee replacements and cancer care.

The ACA has led to dramatic consolidation, increasing costs and cutting competition. Hospitals are buying health plans and health plans are buying hospitals—and both are buying clinics. Now a retailer may control its costs by becoming its own insurer. Do you want Walmart as your insurer and provider? Consider finding an affordable Wedge doctor that works just for you. JointheWedge.com

“How a Walmart-Humana Deal Could Shake Up the Benefits Industry,” Kathryn Mayer, Employee Benefits News, April 3, 2018:
<https://www.benefitnews.com/opinion/what-to-know-about-the-first-reference-based-pricing-lawsuit>

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