High drug prices create real challenges for hospitals and the patients they treat.

Some medications used to treat persons with heart attack and stroke shot up by **18.8 percent** from 2015 to 2017—increasing by over **$650 per unit**.

Drug manufacturers took advantage of shortages of chemotherapy drugs used to treat cancer by hiking prices **over 30 percent**.

Drug spending is rising dramatically on top of historic growth.

Increases continued even after spending on drugs in the inpatient setting shot up **38.7%** from FY13-15 as a result of high prices.
Hospitals and patients take on the burden.

Rising drug costs have forced hospitals to find alternative ways to treat their patients and mitigate budget pressures by:

- Continual and unjustified hikes in drug prices create **unsustainable** access challenges for patients and resource constraints for hospitals.

**Patients have spoken.**

92% believe lowering drug prices is extremely important, making it the top health priority.

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