

# The Impact Of Low-Value Care

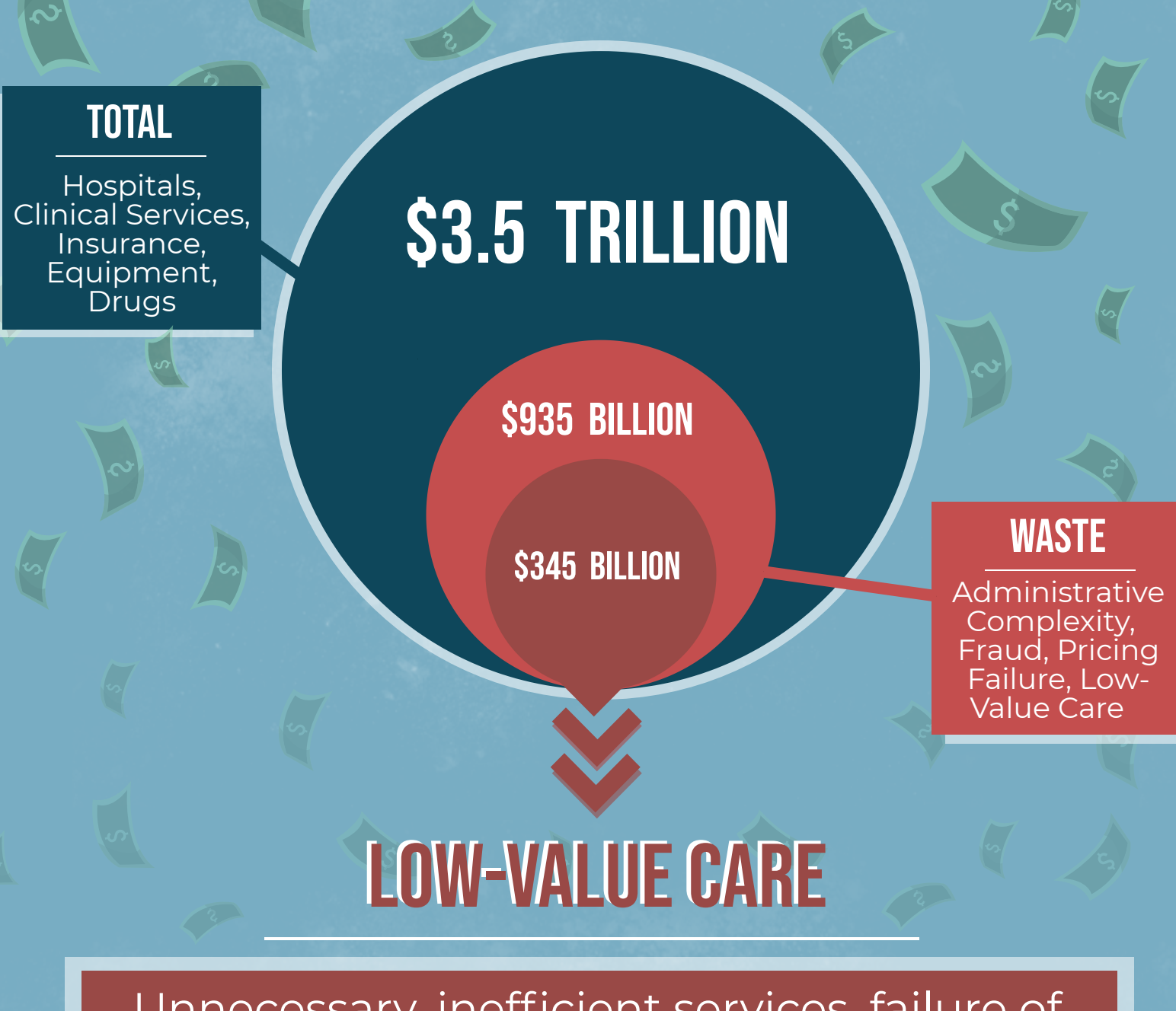
The United States spends more on healthcare per capita than any other country...



...but does not have better health outcomes

Source: "US Health Care from a Global Perspective". The Commonwealth Fund. (2015).

A substantial amount of U.S. health care spending is on services that **DO NOT** make us healthier



Unnecessary, inefficient services, failure of care delivery & coordination

Shrank WH, Rogstad TL, Parekh N. Waste in the US Health Care System: Estimated Costs and Potential for Savings. JAMA. Published online October 07, 2019;322(15):1501-1509. doi:10.1001/jama.2019.13978

National Health Expenditures 2017 Highlights. CMS.gov

Given the immediate savings that result from the elimination of **low-value care**, why has reducing its use been so difficult?

Because...

The clinical benefit of a service is never always...

HIGH-VALUE

LOW-VALUE

What benefits one person may harm another

What determines whether a specific service is **high** or **low** value?

WHO RECEIVES IT

WHO PROVIDES IT

WHERE IT'S PROVIDED

Example: Colorectal Cancer Screening

HIGH-VALUE

age 50 - 75

LOW-VALUE

under 50, over 85

HIGH-VALUE

board-certified

LOW-VALUE

inexperienced

HIGH-VALUE

outpatient center

LOW-VALUE

hospital

Who benefits from a 'clinically nuanced' approach to measure, identify, and reduce **low-value care**?

CONSUMERS

PAYERS

PROVIDERS

Reduces harm

Promotes efficient expenditures

Enhances patient-centered outcomes

Expands coverage for high-value care

Reduces wasteful spending

Improves quality of care

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