What Drove Higher Spending

After adjusting for inflation, spending rose by $610 per person between 2014 and 2018. Higher prices for medical services were responsible for about three-quarters of the spending increase.

**Service Prices.**
Higher prices accounted for 74% of total spending increases above inflation over the 5-year period - an average of $453 per person.

**Quantity of Services.**
Increased utilization of medical services, which was concentrated in 2018, accounted for 21% of spending growth after inflation - an average of $130 per person.

**Age/Gender.**
Demographic shifts in the employer-insured population accounted for 4% of post-inflation spending growth over the 5-year period - an average of $27 per person.