According to the Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI), “higher prices were the primary driver of per capita health spending in 2011.” The charts below illustrate a few key findings from their 2011 Health Care Cost and Utilization Report. These diagrams outline the five most expensive treatments and the five fastest growing treatments by unit price in 2011. HCCI calculates the unit price by dividing the price paid for the service by the intensity or complexity of each service.

5 Most Expensive Treatments:
- **Medical**: $13,684
- **Surgical**: $12,934
- **Inpatient**: $12,482
- **Deliveries & Newborns**: $9,910
- **Mental Health & Substance Abuse**: $9,693

5 Fastest Growing Treatments:
- **Outpatient Surgery**: 9.7%
- **Emergency Room**: 9.1%
- **Mental Health & Substance Abuse**: 7.4%
- **Surgical**: 6.5%
- **Deliveries & Newborns**: 6.0%

“...spending growth was driven primarily by increases in the prices paid...For all major service categories, increases in prices paid were driven by increases in the underlying unit price.”