



*RunawayRx*, a project of the California Association of Health Plans, highlights noteworthy articles and information on the acceleration of prescription drug pricing.

Despite growing outrage from policymakers and the public, drug companies continue to push the envelope on ever-high prices for new drugs coming to market and double- or even triple-digit price spikes for decades-old lifesaving medications. [New federal data](#) out this week shows **inflation in the prescription drug market hit its highest level since 1992**. Experts are questioning how much longer manufacturers will be able to continue demanding these unjustified prices before consumers, legislators, and taxpayers reach their breaking point.

## Data shows drug prices spiked seven percent last year

By Dan Gorenstein | October 18, 2016



“The Bureau of Labor Statistics released new inflation numbers today.

“Turns out consumer goods are about 1.5 percent more expensive today than they were last fall...

“Prescription drugs have gone up 7 percent since last year — the highest annual increase since 1992.

“Yale economist Fiona Scott Morton said a new class of powerful drugs — sometimes called biologics — could be helping fuel costs...

“Scott Morton said manufacturers have been aggressively raising their prices on these potent drugs, sometimes by double digits.”

**“At some point they are not going to be able to increase prices they way they have.”**

– Dr. Walid Gellad,  
University of Pittsburgh

Read More at: <https://www.marketplace.org/2016/10/18/world/data-shows-drug-prices-spiked-seven-percent-last-year>.

The California Association of Health Plans’ RunawayRx project sheds light on the acceleration of prescription drug pricing and how it impacts health care affordability, encouraging a route toward sustainable pricing. For more information, please visit [www.RunawayRx.org](http://www.RunawayRx.org) or follow us on Twitter at [@Runaway\\_Rx](https://twitter.com/Runaway_Rx).