

# HEALTH CARE



## Payers:

- Small employers and consumers buy health insurance from insurance companies (**plans**). Public programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, as well as large employers, hire **plans** to administer the insurance they offer.
- States may offer waivers to allow Medicaid to experiment with paying for things besides medical care, such as housing or transportation.

## Providers:

- Can include hospitals, physicians' offices, rehab, and long-term care—many subsumed under health care systems.
- Federally qualified health centers provide free care to those in need.
- Slowly starting to get paid for keeping people healthy instead of for volume.
- Nonprofit hospitals must complete Community Health Needs Assessments and provide "community benefit" payments.



## Public Health System:

- Cares for communities, not individuals.
- Publicly funded.
- Activities include: research, public education, screenings and immunizations, population health monitoring, and epidemiology.

