## Private Equity in Health Care Trends & Impact

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### The Rapid Rise of PE Investment in Health Care



# Where are they Investing?

- Hospitals PE owns 460 hospitals in the country; 8% of all private hospitals and 22% of proprietary forprofit hospitals
- Physician Practices from 75 deals in 2012 to 484 deals in 2021
- Physician Staffing firms



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### **Impact on Quality of Care**

- PE-owned nursing homes saw a 10% increase in mortality among Medicare patients
- Significant increase in hospital-acquired conditions for Medicare patients at PE hospitals



### **Impact on Costs**

- Associated with increased volume, increased prices, use of profitable service lines, decreased proportion of publicly insured patients, increase in net income, upcoding
- PE hospitals have higher charge-to-cost ratios than non-PE hospitals
- PE hospitals bring in nearly 30% more income
- PE ownership resulted in 32% increase in costs for payers and patients



### **Takeaways for State DOIs**

