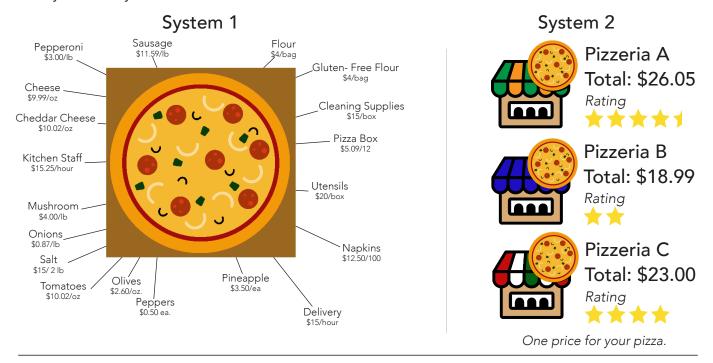
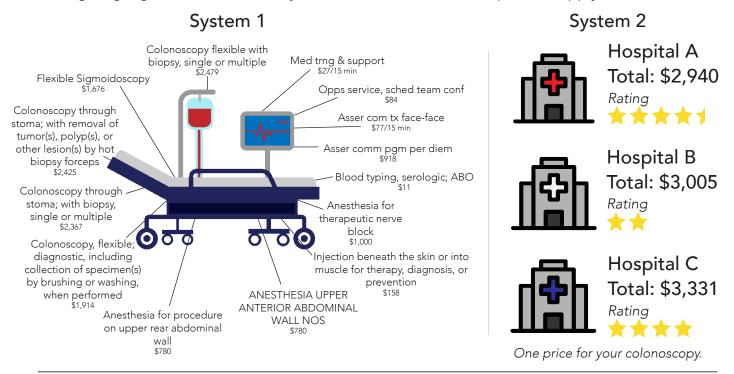
Transparency That Truly Empowers Consumers

Transparency is important, but it needs to be actionable. You don't choose a restaurant based on how much it pays for all its ingredients or its labor costs. You shop based on quality and the price *you* pay for *your* order. Under the currently proposed price transparency rule, patients would make decisions under System 1. System 2 is a better alternative.



The same should be true for health care. The countless billing codes that a hospital might charge for an episode of care don't provide actionable information for a patient. There are too many, they use confusing language, and there's no way to know which ones the hospital will apply.



A patient should be able to know how much an episode of care is expected to cost for them at each facility and the quality rating of that health care provider. This is the kind of meaningful transparency that can empower consumers and create real competition.