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Healthcare Reform in America Jennie J. Kronenfeld 2004 An authoritative look at the core issues of the healthcare debate in the United States, with a focus on reform of the system. * A detailed list of annotated print and web-based resources such as Fedstats, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the National Coalition on Healthcare, providing readers the tools to explore issues in more detail * Biographies of key figures in healthcare reform including Richard Nixon, Lyndon Johnson, and Lister Hill

Making Health Care Work for American Families United States. Congress. House. Committee on Energy and Commerce. Subcommittee on Health 2012

Oversight of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program United States. Congress. House. Committee on Government Reform. Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization 2004

The Oxford Handbook of Health Economics Sherry Glied 2013-05-23 The Oxford Handbook of Health Economics provides an accessible and authoritative guide to health economics, intended for scholars and students in the field, as well as those in adjacent disciplines including health policy and clinical medicine. The chapters stress the direct impact of health economics reasoning on policy and practice, offering readers an introduction to the potential reach of the discipline. Contributions come from internationally-recognized leaders in health economics and reflect the worldwide reach of the discipline. Authoritative, but non-technical, the chapters place great emphasis on the connections between theory and policy-making, and develop the contributions of health economics to problems arising in a variety of institutional contexts, from primary care to the operations of health insurers. The volume addresses policy concerns relevant to health systems in both developed and developing countries. It takes a broad perspective, with relevance to systems with single or multi-payer health insurance arrangements, and to those relying predominantly on user charges; contributions are also included that focus both on medical care and on non-medical factors that affect health. Each chapter provides a succinct summary of the current state of economic thinking in a given area, as well as the author's unique perspective on issues that remain open to debate. The volume presents a view of health economics as a vibrant and continually advancing field, highlighting ongoing challenges and pointing to new directions for further progress.

Examining Innovative Health Insurance Options for Workers and Employers United States. Congress. House. Committee on Education and the Workforce. Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations 2004

U.S. Health in International Perspective National Research Council 2013-04-12 The United States is among the wealthiest nations in the world, but it is far from the healthiest. Although life expectancy and survival rates in the United States have improved dramatically over the past century, Americans live shorter lives and experience more injuries and illnesses than people in other high-income countries. The U.S. health disadvantage cannot be attributed solely to the adverse health status of racial or ethnic minorities or poor people: even highly advantaged Americans are in worse health than their counterparts in other, "peer"

countries. In light of the new and growing evidence about the U.S. health disadvantage, the National Institutes of Health asked the National Research Council (NRC) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to convene a panel of experts to study the issue. The Panel on Understanding Cross-National Health Differences Among High-Income Countries examined whether the U.S. health disadvantage exists across the life span, considered potential explanations, and assessed the larger implications of the findings. U.S. Health in International Perspective presents detailed evidence on the issue, explores the possible explanations for the shorter and less healthy lives of Americans than those of people in comparable countries, and recommends actions by both government and nongovernment agencies and organizations to address the U.S. health disadvantage.

Best Care at Lower Cost Institute of Medicine 2013-05-10 America's health care system has become too complex and costly to continue business as usual. Best Care at Lower Cost explains that inefficiencies, an overwhelming amount of data, and other economic and quality barriers hinder progress in improving health and threaten the nation's economic stability and global competitiveness. According to this report, the knowledge and tools exist to put the health system on the right course to achieve continuous improvement and better quality care at a lower cost. The costs of the system's current inefficiency underscore the urgent need for a systemwide transformation. About 30 percent of health spending in 2009—roughly \$750 billion—was wasted on unnecessary services, excessive administrative costs, fraud, and other problems. Moreover, inefficiencies cause needless suffering. By one estimate, roughly 75,000 deaths might have been averted in 2005 if every state had delivered care at the quality level of the best performing state. This report states that the way health care providers currently train, practice, and learn new information cannot keep pace with the flood of research discoveries and technological advances. About 75 million Americans have more than one chronic condition, requiring coordination among multiple specialists and therapies, which can increase the potential for miscommunication, misdiagnosis, potentially conflicting interventions, and dangerous drug interactions. Best Care at Lower Cost emphasizes that a better use of data is a critical element of a continuously improving health system, such as mobile technologies and electronic health records that offer significant potential to capture and share health data better. In order for this to occur, the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, IT developers, and standard-setting organizations should ensure that these systems are robust and interoperable. Clinicians and care organizations should fully adopt these technologies, and patients should be encouraged to use tools, such as personal health information portals, to actively engage in their care. This book is a call to action that will guide health care providers; administrators; caregivers; policy makers; health professionals; federal, state, and local government agencies; private and public health organizations; and educational institutions.

Science, Technology, and Society Sal Restivo 2005-05-19 Emphasizing an interdisciplinary and international coverage of the functions and effects of science and technology in society and culture, Science, Technology, and Society contains over 130 A to Z signed articles written by major scholars and experts from academic and scientific institutions and institutes worldwide. Each article is accompanied by a selected bibliography. Other features include extensive cross referencing throughout, a directory of contributors, and an extensive topical index.

Health, United States. 19??

Health, United States, 2006 with Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans 2007-02 Annual report on national trends in health statistics. Includes a highlights section, chartbook, and 147 trend tables.

Improving Health Care: A Dose of Competition: A Report by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice

The 1st Annual Crossing the Quality Chasm Summit Institute of Medicine 2004-09-13 In January 2004, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) hosted the 1st Annual Crossing the Quality Chasm Summit, convening a group of national and community health care leaders to pool their knowledge and resources with regard to strategies for improving patient care for five common chronic illnesses. This summit was a direct outgrowth and continuation of the recommendations put forth in the 2001 IOM report Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century. The summit's purpose was to offer specific guidance at both the community and national levels for overcoming the challenges to the provision of high-quality care articulated in the Quality Chasm report and for moving closer to achievement of the patient-centered health care system envisioned therein.

Reimagining Global Health Paul Farmer 2013-09-07 Bringing together the experience,

perspective and expertise of Paul Farmer, Jim Yong Kim, and Arthur Kleinman, *Reimagining Global Health* provides an original, compelling introduction to the field of global health. Drawn from a Harvard course developed by their student Matthew Basilico, this work provides an accessible and engaging framework for the study of global health. Insisting on an approach that is historically deep and geographically broad, the authors underline the importance of a transdisciplinary approach, and offer a highly readable distillation of several historical and ethnographic perspectives of contemporary global health problems. The case studies presented throughout *Reimagining Global Health* bring together ethnographic, theoretical, and historical perspectives into a wholly new and exciting investigation of global health. The interdisciplinary approach outlined in this text should prove useful not only in schools of public health, nursing, and medicine, but also in undergraduate and graduate classes in anthropology, sociology, political economy, and history, among others.

Poor Families in America's Health Care Crisis Ronald J. Angel 2006-05-29 *Poor Families in America's Health Care Crisis* examines the implications of the fragmented and two-tiered health insurance system in the United States for the health care access of low-income families. For a large fraction of Americans their jobs do not provide health insurance or other benefits and although government programs are available for children, adults without private health care coverage have few options. Detailed ethnographic and survey data from selected low-income neighborhoods in Boston, Chicago, and San Antonio document the lapses in medical coverage that poor families experience and reveal the extent of untreated medical conditions, delayed treatment, medical indebtedness, and irregular health care that women and children suffer as a result. Extensive poverty, the increasing proportion of minority households, and the growing dependence on insecure service sector work all influence access to health care for families at the economic margin.

More Than Ramps Lisa I. Iezzoni 2006 "Nearly twenty percent of Americans live today with some disability - a number that will grow as the "baby boomers" age. Despite this, the U.S. health care system is ill equipped to provide optimal, safe, and efficient care to this population. Significant barriers still block people with disabilities from receiving high-quality health care." "This book examines these barriers, then proposes solutions to make health care accessible and welcoming to people with disabilities. It focuses on adults who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing, or who have difficulties using their legs, arms, or hands. The book draws upon stories told to the authors by persons with these conditions as well as reviews of national surveys, governmental policies, and current practices."--BOOK JACKET.

Rethinking the Gross Domestic Product as a Measurement of National Strength United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism 2012

Current Issues In Nursing - E-Book Perle Slavik Cowen 2014-04-14 *Current Issues in Nursing* provides a forum for knowledgeable debate on the important issues that nurses face today. This resource provides the opportunity to analyze conflicting viewpoints and develop your own thoughts on demands being made for the nursing profession and the difficult issues affecting today's health care delivery. Continually praised for its in-depth discussion of critical issues, solid organization of material, and encouragement of independent thinking, you'll find this text a valuable resource in the modern world of nursing. Offers comprehensive and timely coverage of the issues affecting nursing education and practice. UNIQUE! Over 100 well-known contributors offer their expert insights and analysis. UNIQUE! Viewpoint chapters present controversial issues to showcase pressing issues facing nursing today. New content covering the following topics: The Challenges of Nursing on an International Level Health Care Systems and Practice Ethics, Legal, and Social Issues The Changing Practice Professional Challenges, Collaboration, & Conflict Violence Prevention and Care: Nursing's Role Definitions of Nursing Changing Education

Encyclopedia of Social Work 1965

The Oxford Handbook of Business Ethics George G. Brenkert 2012-04-19 *The Oxford Handbook of Business Ethics* is a comprehensive treatment of the field of business ethics as seen from a philosophical approach. The volume consists of 24 essays that survey the field of business ethics in a broad and accessible manner, covering all major topics about the relationship between ethical theory and business ethics.

Wealth and Welfare States Irwin Garfinkel 2010-01-28 Including education has profound consequences, undergirding the case for the productivity of welfare state programs and the explanation for why all rich nations have large welfare states, and identifying US welfare state leadership. From 1968 through 2006, the United States swung right politically and lost its lead in education and opportunity, failed to adopt universal health insurance and

experienced the most rapid explosion of health care costs and economic inequality in the rich world. The American welfare state faces large challenges. Restoring its historical lead in education is the most important but requires investing large sums in education, beginning with universal pre-school and in complementary programs that aid children's development.

Managing Care: A Shared Responsibility Joseph L. Verheijde 2005-12-09 This book traces the growth of managed care as a mechanism for curbing excessive growth in health costs, and the controversies that have risen around for-profit health care. Also examined are decentralization in US health care, and the absence of comprehensive health care planning, access rules, and minimum health care benefit standards. Finally, the author proposes a framework for improving access to quality, affordable health care in a competitive market environment.

Protecting the U.S. Population's Health Against Potential Economic Recessions and High Unemployment and the Endemic Inflation of Health Care Costs Fritz Dufour 2019-12-15 This book has three main parts: (1) the challenges of the U.S. health care system; (2) the impacts of economic recessions and high unemployment on the U.S. population's health; and (3) recommendations or a look into what might improve the health care system. Part I, through a dissection of the challenges faced by the U.S. health care system, exposes the particularities and the vulnerabilities of the system. It shows the role played by businesses and employment in the U.S. population's health and describes major challenges of the health care system such as astronomical health care costs, the average family health spending - which is exceedingly high, wasteful spending, death due to inaccessibility to health care, and the hardships that medical costs created for more than half of Americans. Part II is an analysis as to why do economic recessions have health implications. That analysis is done by considering the health implications of economic recessions both at the micro and macroeconomic levels and by considering the societal costs of uninsurance or inaccessibility to health care due to economic recessions and high unemployment. Part III primarily focuses on what can make the system better, that is more efficient and more cost-effective. Ironically, as Part III argues, there are a myriad of feasible recommendations that are waiting to be fully explored, agreed upon, adopted and implemented nationwide:

- Design labor and fiscal policies aimed at preventing economic recessions and high unemployment
- Blend labor and fiscal policies into structural reforms
- Create job security and take other steps that guarantee health care security during financial hardship
- Improve health outcomes through nationwide permanent supportive housing to combat chronic homelessness during economic recessions and high unemployment
- Prioritize the use of more cost-effective medical technologies
- Promote telemedicine to reduce costs and improve accessibility to health care
- Eliminate health disparities thanks to the democratization of health care
- Promote health literacy and the valorization of communities
- Design policies or procedures that 1) promote health care costs reduction and efficiency through affordable insurance coverage and 2) eliminate Wasteful spending:

- o Extend drug coverage and implement cost-effective pricing policies
- o Extend coverage of more medical procedures and implement cost-effective policies

On the other hand, Part III also sells the idea of a thorough and bold revolution in our health care system, which would make health care a right of citizenship. It does so by analyzing the political, social, ethical, and economic aspects of the issue. Furthermore, it argues that the relationship between universal health care and economics justifies the notion of "health care as a right of citizenship."

Who Has the Cure? Jason Furman 2009-09-01 The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution was established to foster policy innovation from leading economic thinkers—ideas based on evidence and experience, not ideology and doctrine. The overall goal is to promote America's long-term economic growth, and economic security for American families. This important book brings The Hamilton Project's approach to one of the most critical issues facing Americans today—health care. In *Who Has the Cure?* a team of noted economists and policy analysts emphasizes the importance of universal health care—not just its value to individual and families, but also the overall economy. They examine in detail four policy alternatives for achieving universal health insurance coverage that would also improve efficiency in the health care industry. The contributors to this volume also evaluate proposals designed to make health care more affordable and effective. Among the possible strategies studied here are an expansion of preventive care, income-related cost sharing, and reform of Medicare's prescription drug benefit.

Insuring America's Health Institute of Medicine 2004-02-14 According to the Census Bureau, in 2003 more than 43 million Americans lacked health insurance. Being uninsured is associated with a range of adverse health, social, and economic consequences for individuals and their

families, for the health care systems in their communities, and for the nation as a whole. This report is the sixth and final report in a series by the Committee on the Consequences of Uninsurance, intended to synthesize what is known about these consequences and communicate the extent and urgency of the issue to the public. Insuring America's Health recommends principles related to universality, continuity of coverage, affordability to individuals and society, and quality of care to guide health insurance reform. These principles are based on the evidence reviewed in the committee's previous five reports and on new analyses of past and present federal, state, and local efforts to reduce uninsurance. The report also demonstrates how those principles can be used to assess policy options. The committee does not recommend a specific coverage strategy. Rather, it shows how various approaches could extend coverage and achieve certain of the committee's principles.

Health Care and the Budget United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on the Budget 2007
Hidden Costs, Value Lost Institute of Medicine 2003-07-19 Hidden Cost, Value Lost, the fifth of a series of six books on the consequences of uninsurance in the United States, illustrates some of the economic and social losses to the country of maintaining so many people without health insurance. The book explores the potential economic and societal benefits that could be realized if everyone had health insurance on a continuous basis, as people over age 65 currently do with Medicare. Hidden Costs, Value Lost concludes that the estimated benefits across society in health years of life gained by providing the uninsured with the kind and amount of health services that the insured use, are likely greater than the additional social costs of doing so. The potential economic value to be gained in better health outcomes from uninterrupted coverage for all Americans is estimated to be between \$65 and \$130 billion each year.

The Health of Aging Hispanics Jacqueline L. Angel 2007-08-06 This timely and much-needed book addresses the demographic trends affecting the Latinos in the United States, Mexico and Latin America, looking at the health concerns and of this growing population, as it ages. Further examination of this previously understudied group- now the nation's largest minority group - offers the possibility to promote healthy aging for the entire nation. As international immigration continues to increase, collections such as this are critical for understanding the social and health consequences of this immigration.

The Measure of America Sarah Burd-Sharps 2008-07-22 The Measure of America is the first-ever human development report for a wealthy, developed nation. It introduces the American Human Development Index, which provides a single measure of well-being for all Americans, disaggregated by state and congressional district, as well as by gender, race, and ethnicity. The Index rankings of the 50 states and 436 congressional districts reveal huge disparities in the health, education, and living standards of different groups. Clear, precise, objective, and authoritative, this report will become the basis for all serious discussions concerning the realization of a fair, just, and globally competitive American society.

Performance Measurement Institute of Medicine 2006-07-09 Performance Measurement is the first in a new series of an ongoing effort by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to improve health care quality. Performance Measurement offers a comprehensive review of available measures and introduces a new framework to examine these measures against the six aims of the health care system: health care should be safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable. This new book also addresses the gaps in performance measurement and introduces the need for measures that are longitudinal, comprehensive, population-based, and patient-centered. This book is directed toward all concerned with improving the quality and performance of the nation's health care system in its multiple dimensions and in both the public and private sectors.

Healthcare Furley Lumpkin 2009-01

Uniting America Norton Garfinkle 2008-10-01 In Uniting America, some of the country's most prominent social thinkers-among them Francis Fukuyama, Daniel Yankelovich, Amitai Etzioni, Alan Wolfe, Uwe Reinhardt, and Thomas E. Mann-reject the myth of polarization. On topics ranging from the war on terrorism, health care, economic policy, and Social Security to religion, diversity, and immigration, the authors argue that there are sensible, centrist solutions that are more in keeping with prevailing public sentiment and that would better serve the national interest. On issue after issue, the authors show how the conventional framing of the debate in Washington has misled Americans, creating a series of false dilemmas and forcing choices between two extremes-at the expense of more balanced and pragmatic policy solutions based on enduring American values. Uniting America provides a blueprint for a fresh approach to American politics, grounded in moderation, pragmatism, and the shared values that unite Americans.

United States Demographics - Part B

The Measure of America 2010-2011 Kristen Lewis 2010-11 Provides information and statistics on the health, education, and standard of living of all Americans.

The Corporate Transformation of Health Care John P. Geyman, MD 2004-09-14 The author explores how the corporate transformation of hospitals, HMOs, and the insurance and pharmaceutical industries has resulted in reduction in services, dangerous cost cutting, poor regulation, and corrupt research. He sheds light on the political lobbying and media manipulation that keeps the present system in place. Exposing the shortcomings of reform proposals that do little to alter the status quo, he makes a case for a workable single-payer system. This is an essential read for today's practitioners, policy makers, healthcare analysts and providers, and all those concerned with the precarious state of America's under- and uninsured.

America Back on Track Edward M. Kennedy 2007-08-28 From one of America's most respected progressive voices comes an inspiring vision of reform and renewal In a Senate career spanning more than four decades, Edward M. Kennedy has become one of the most authoritative voices in American politics. His first major book in more than twenty years, America Back on Track argues that our nation has departed more deeply from its fundamental ideals than at any time in modern history. From a dangerous foreign policy to the threats against constitutional checks and balances, Kennedy tackles the country's gravest concerns and charts a course toward a stronger, freer, and fairer America. A provocative call to action, this will be read by everyone seeking political clarity in these tumultuous times.

The Academic Health Center Don Detmer 2005-05-12 The leadership and management of academic health centers present challenges as complex as any in the corporate environment. A consensus is emerging about their integrated mission of education, research and service, and this book, first published in 2005 and focusing on value-driven management, provides a truly comprehensive review of these issues available. Based on reports produced by the Blue Ridge Academic Health Group, which has developed a framework for meeting the challenges of improving health in the 21st century, it also contains invited commentaries and case studies from leading authorities in and beyond the United States. It identifies the public policies and organizational practices required to maximize the health status of individuals and the population, and highlights innovative practices. It is essential reading for managers and leaders of clinical and basic science departments in academic health centers, and for all those involved in health systems management studies.

The Instability of Health Coverage in America United States. Congress. House. Committee on Ways and Means. Subcommittee on Health 2009

Vulnerable Populations in the United States LeiYu Shi 2021-02-17 An in-depth look at disparities in health and health care, fully updated for 2021 Vulnerable Populations in the United States, 3rd Edition provides a general framework for studying vulnerable populations and summarizes major health and health care disparities by race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and health insurance coverage. This updated contains the latest statistics and figures, incorporates new information related to Healthy People 2020, analyzes the latest data and trends in health and health care disparities, and provides a detailed synthesis of recent and increasingly expansive programs and initiatives to remedy these disparities. In addition, the Third Edition offers new coverage of health care reform, the "deaths of despair" (suicide, opioids, etc.), and the global primary care initiative. Based on the authors' teaching and research at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, this landmark text is an important resource for students, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers for learning about vulnerable populations. The book's Web site includes instructor's materials that may be downloaded. Gain a general understanding of health and health care disparities related to race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and health insurance coverage Access online resources including editable PowerPoint slides, video, and more Delve into the programs and initiatives designed to remedy inequalities in health and health care, including Healthy People 2020 updates Enjoy new coverage of health care reform, the "deaths of despair" (suicide, opioids, etc.), and the global primary care initiative End of chapter revision questions and other pedagogical features make this book a valuable learning tool for anyone studying at the advanced undergraduate or graduate levels. Additionally, it will prove useful in the field for medical professionals, social and community workers, and health educators in the public sphere.

The Ethics of Universal Health Insurance Alex Rajczi 2019-05-15 Millions of Americans lack health insurance, and as a result, thousands suffer and die every year. Philosophers have

argued that an ideal society would avoid these problems by guaranteeing universal access to health insurance, but what about concerns that a universal health insurance system would be inefficient, create excessive fiscal risk, or impose excessive taxes or other personal costs? In *The Ethics of Universal Health Insurance*, Alex Rajczi shows how defenders of universal health insurance can address the ethical issues raised by these objections and make the moral case for an American universal health insurance system that improves on the gains made in the Affordable Care Act. Engaging with these objections helps us uncover fascinating philosophical issues that have been previously overlooked. It also leads us to a deeper understanding of progressive and conservative views on distributive justice and provides us with a framework for examining debates about any part of the social safety net- in America and elsewhere.

Health Care Politics and Policy in America Kant Patel 2006 Fully updated for this new edition, *Health Care Politics and Policy in America* combines background and context for the evolution of U.S. health care policy with analysis of recent trends and current issues. The book introduces public policy students to the complex array of health care issues, and health care professionals to the study of public policy. It provides comprehensive coverage of policy issues related to health care at the federal, state, and provider/patient levels, from Medicare and Medicaid funding and managed care to medical liability law and ongoing debates over the beginning of life and end-of-life decisions. *Health Care Politics and Policy in America* successfully integrates political, ethical, economic, legal, technological, and medical factors in an issue-focused survey of U.S. health care policy. It includes a chronology of health care-policy-related events and legislation from 1798 through 2005, and an appendix comparing medical malpractice tort laws state-by-state.