Health Care Policy

Introduction

• Why health care policy matters
• The problem in (sort of) 3 charts

Assessing health care efficacy
Health in America

- US vs. the world
- Emphasis on elderly
- Health care vs. health

Life Expectancy

Life Expectancy at Birth

Infant Mortality

Infant Mortality Rate - Deaths per 1000 Live Births

Life expectancy after 80

The U.S. Health Care System

- Complexity of system
The U.S. Health Care System

• Fee for Service
• Managed Care
• Government subsidized care

Problems with the U.S. System: Cost

• High relative cost
Problems with the U.S. System: Cost

- Fee-for-service system
- Technology
- Market Failure
- Aging public
- Medical culture
- Prescription Drugs
- Administrative costs
- It’s the prices, stupid
- What it is not

Image 1: Health and Social Care Spending

Image 2: Retail Price Indexes for Basket of In-Patent Pharmaceuticals, 2010

Image 3: Diagnostic Imaging Prices, 2013

Image 4: Total Hospital and Physician Costs, 2013

Image 5: Spending on Health Insurance Administration per Capita, 2012

Problems with the U.S. System: Access

- Inadequate Access
- Why so many uninsured?
- Maldistribution of resources
- Employer-based issues
- Rationing

Problems with the U.S. System: Quality

- Quality in cross-national perspective

Exhibit 3. Physician Supply and Use, 2013 or Nearest Year

Exhibit 6. Average Number of Prescription Drugs Taken Regularly, Age 18 or Older, 2013

Factors Explaining Future Federal Spending on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security

Federal Spending on Major Health Care Programs, by Category, Under CBO’s Extended Baseline

U.S. Health Care Ranks Last Among Wealthy Countries

A recent international study compared 11 nations on health care quality, access, efficiency, and equity, as well as indicators of healthy lives such as infant mortality.

Overall Health Care Ranking

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Mortality Amenable to Health Care

Deaths per 100,000 population*

* Countries’ age-standardized death rates before age 75 including ischemic heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and chronic obstructive disease. Nation of origin: Brazil, Population: mortality data from WHO, and GDP: median, calculated for the US.

Breast Cancer Five-Year Relative Survival Rate, 2004–2009
(or nearest period)

Source: OECD Health Data 2013.

Problems with the U.S. System:
Quality

- Lack of Access
- Focus on sickness instead of health
- Overspecialization

Contemporary Policy

- Medicare
- Medicare Prescription Drug benefit
- Medicaid
- Other Policies (S/CHIP)

Affordable Care Act/ "ObamaCare"

- Goals
- Basics/Three-legged stool
- Federal/state issues
- Money
- What it’s not
- Assessment

Views Of Main Provisions Of Health Reform Law By Party

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Majority Favor Main Provisions Of ACA, Except Individual Mandate

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Further reform?

- Lessons from abroad
- The long-term cost problem