When I worked in the public sector I witnessed first-hand people who could not afford their medications. In one instance, an older woman told me she was unable to afford the prescriptions for both she and her husband. Though he did not know it she was buying only his medicine and she was going without.

Stories abound concerning people that need medical attention but are afraid of the ensuing cost. Since they fervently wish to avoid medical bills their condition worsens and costs even more when they must go to the emergency room and possibly be admitted to the hospital.

It is unbelievable in a first-world country we have not come to the same realization as other developed nations that health care should be a right not a privilege.

For further reading about successful health care systems around the world please read <u>The Healing of</u> <u>America</u> A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care by T.R. Reid. His lectures can also be found on <u>youtube.com</u>.

Please change our broken health care system.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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