

Healthcare costs in the US and Oregon present a heavy burden for the majority of the population. A large number of households would have to take on debt in order to pay for an unexpected healthcare emergency. Costs of healthcare have risen as the oligopoly of insurers and providers set the price with no incentive to decrease cost to the insured. Government involvement in the form of a single-payer healthcare system will improve availability, usage, and quality of healthcare while decreasing cost.