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Healthcare access is good for everyone - including the economy and public sector budgets. If patients receive adequate care when diagnosed, rather than postponing care (e.g. MRI's appropriate Rx's) the medical problem is addressed and the patient can go back to work. Health insurance companies often postpone covering care believing that when (and they often do) things get worse, it will be another health plan's problem. Let's face it most people have to change health plans every few year. Many commercial plans hope to postpone care until the patient qualifies for Medicare. Which is why government should be involved. By the time people qualify for Medicare and can finally access treatment, they are even more expensive.

And...when patients received access to healthcare, they are more likely able to return to work, earn a living, pay taxes, support the local economy and not suffer complications that render employment virtually impossible. Which leads to relying on public assistance to survive. It make financial sense. As an example. I have type 1 diabtes, without access to affordable insulin and blood testing supplies I am likely to have amputations, kidney failure and lost of sight. Those things kinda make it hard to find employment.