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H.W. Wilson Announces the Latest Issue of *The Reference Shelf, U.S. National Debate Topic 2026-2027: Health Insurance*

While many people disagree about the nature of the problem, and there is very little agreement about the solution, one thing that Americans tend to agree on is that health care is a problem. In a 2025 review of the issue by Gallup, 29 percent of Americans, nearly 1 in 3, saw health-care cost as the most urgent national health problem, and a record 23 percent saw the US health-care system as in crisis.

This volume of *The Reference Shelf* looks at the complexity of the US health-care system; from issues of affordability, the result of the for-profit system, and the fundamental and foundational structural dysfunctions. It also covers the debate about national health insurance, including perspectives from the Republican Party and the Democrat Party.

This volume begins with a preface, defining what is meant by saying that health care is in “crisis.” The preface also provides common issues discussed, public perceptions, and potential solutions.

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- Health Care Availability
- Financial Issues in Health Care
- U.S. Medical Insurance System
- Medicare for All
- Revising or Expanding the ACA

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