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High-quality healthcare translates to healthy populations. Despite the numerous project for easy access to care from the federal government, the U.S continues to suffer unreasonable hitches in its health system. This post will assess the US healthcare by reviewing its strengths and weaknesses.

 As a strength, the U.S healthcare has a good foundation with a robust private sector. It enables ready access to service and fosters innovation and technological development which continues to expand positive health outcomes for many Americans. The private sector also issues employer-sponsored insurance coverage which adapts to medical practices enabling a massive involvement in public health (Capretta, 2009). Further, the system provides high-quality care to all patients reinforced by high innovation, research, and application of latest technologies (Burke, Martin, Bader, & Semelka, 2012).

Two weakness of the US healthcare is a non-comprehensive insurance plan and high costs of care services. On average, United States spends twice as much as other countries spend on healthcare. However, the quality and citizen's incomes cannot keep up with the rise leaving many Americans unable to afford primary care (Walton, 2011). Insurance is another crucial weakness, back in 2016, people without insurance amounted to 8.8% an approximate of 28.1 million people (Barnett & Berchick, 2017). Instead of declining the figure rose to 11.7 % by 2017 an increase in 2 million people (Luhby, 2017) cause inaccessibility of care service.

While perfect healthcare system may not be possible, subsiding health care further and revising policies to provide affordable insurance plans to US citizens could help the situation.

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