

# Health Care System Models

Obj. 11.8: Identify similarities and differences between major health care system models.



## Health Care System

Imagine you are speaking with a foreigner who is asking you to explain how the United States health care system works. Try to describe it in one paragraph.

DISCUSS

## Cost, Access, Quality

Discuss with a partner: Based on what you have learned about the U.S. and other industrialized nations' health care systems, do you think the U.S. has **better** OR **worse** health care than the rest of the industrialized world? In terms of...

- a) COST?
- b) ACCESS?
- c) QUALITY?



## Health Care Systems: The Four Basic Models

Read the excerpt from PBS correspondent T.R. Reid's book "The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care (2009). After you read, go back and re-read it, taking notes in the table on the following page.

You can also find this excerpt at: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/countries/models.html>

| Health Care System Models                   | Bismarck Model | Beveridge Model | National Health Insurance Model | Out-of-Pocket Model |
|---|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| How is healthcare funded?                   |                |                 |                                 |                     |
| What are the main features of this model?   |                |                 |                                 |                     |
| Parts of the world that use this model?     |                |                 |                                 |                     |
| What part of the US system uses this model? |                |                 |                                 |                     |
| Strengths & Weaknesses                      |                |                 |                                 |                     |



### U.S. Healthcare System: A Hybrid

Explain why the U.S. is considered a hybrid model of healthcare. In your explanation be sure to include at least two examples of the health care system models that are present in the U.S. system.



### Create A Health System Model

Brainstorm a new health care system model. It can be entirely original, or it may incorporate parts of any of all of the other systems. Use the table below to plan the system, then write a 1 paragraph explanation/summary on a separate sheet of paper.

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| <b>PHILOSOPHY OF HEALTH CARE:</b><br>Right, Privilege, or Responsibility?   |  |
| <b>WHO IS COVERED</b><br>What percent of the population is covered by health insurance?                               |  |
| <b>WHAT IS COVERED</b><br>What types of health services are covered?  |  |
| <b>FUNDING</b><br>How is it paid for?   |  |
| <b>DELIVERY SYSTEM</b><br>How is the health care delivery system set up? (Where do doctors work & how are they paid?) |  |
| <b>COST-CONTROL MECHANISMS</b><br>What methods are being used to control costs?                                       |  |
| <b>PROS &amp; CONS</b><br>List at least 1 Pro & 1 Con   |  |