

An Analysis of Medicare Coverage

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Introduction

Medicare is a medical program in America that provides health coverage to senior citizens aged sixty five years and above as well as younger people determined by the Social Security Administration as having disabilities. It is estimated that the insurance scheme is currently having over fifty-five million beneficiaries with a projection to increase this coverage in the next few decades (Knickman & Brian Elbel, 2019). As such, there are significant pressures that are facing Medicare chief among them the increasing size of the eligible population with studies pointing out that there is a potential of having the population living significantly longer than the preceding generations amid concerns of more disabilities. Increasing coverage is resulting to budgeting and funding challenges (Glorikian & Branca, 2017). Therefore this paper explores how the coverage of the Medicare services can be improved to minimize the federal government's budgeting pressure from significantly increasing healthcare bills.

Analysis of the issue

The expenditure by the federal government towards the Medicare program has risen considerably. Last year, the spending stood at 1.077 billion dollars which formed 28% budgetary spending (Knickman & Brian Elbel, 2019). As a mandatory expenditure, the government is bent on making allocations every financial year. From the 2016 financial year expenditure to the Medicare program has increased to 10.7% of the country's gross domestic product.

Alternative views

A significant cause for the increased expenditure in the Medicare program is the provision of the Medicare benefits to the upper-income beneficiaries of the program (Shi &

Singh, 2017). Furthermore, there has been a shown poor plan choice for the beneficiaries choosing drug plans which are yielding extra costs with declining access to necessary drugs.

My views

Noting that the expenditure on the Medicare program is significantly increasing, the federal government is bearing the blunt of meeting these mandatory expenditures. With an increasing life expectancy due to improving lifestyles, there is a looming challenge of consumption of much of the federal revenue by the program making it unsustainable.

Conclusion

This proposed research paper will, therefore, seek to address the alternatives that exist in reducing the heightened expenditure in the Medicare program in a way to make it sustainable. As such more focus will be given to the numerous reforms that can be instituted by the federal government to ensure sustainability without locking out the beneficiaries who need the program.

Thesis table

Questions	Sample Response for Developing a Topic	Your Response for Developing your Topic
What is your topic	U.S culpability for not bombing and destroying the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz.	An Analysis of the Medicare Coverage
What is your stance on the topic? State this in a complete sentence.	The United States could not have effectively targeted and destroyed Auschwitz directly.	The Medicare program though beneficial to many is proving to be unsustainable

		due to increasing expenditures.
Why do you (think) this? State your reason in a “because” clause.	Because the United States lacked the technological precision and intelligence necessary to destroy the camp’s death houses without also destroying many or most of the Jewish captives.	Because the federal government expenditure on the Medicare program has been growing significantly there is pressure on the program’s financing making it overburdening and challenging to maintain.
Now, why would someone disagree with this? Use an "although" clause to state this opposing opinion.	Although the United States possessed sufficient firepower and information to attack Auschwitz’s industrial sector.	Although the federal government has numerous finance sources such as payroll tax, surtaxes from beneficiaries, beneficiary premiums, and treasury revenue.
“ Although ” clause + Stance on the topic + “ because ” clause	Although the United States possessed sufficient firepower and information to attack Auschwitz’s industrial sector, it could not	Although the federal government has numerous finance sources to cater for the Medicare program, the program might become

<p>= complete thesis statement (may need to be revised or simplified)</p>	<p>have effectively targeted and destroyed Auschwitz directly because it lacked the technological precision and intelligence to destroy the camp's death houses without also destroying the many or most of the Jewish captives.</p>	<p>unsustainable due to a growing seniors' population if the program is not improved.</p>
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