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Discussion

I agree with the overall discussion of Christine on Affordable Care Act (ACA). The post has highlighted the role of three presidents (Donald Trump, Barack Obama and George W. Bush) in offering free healthcare benefits and programs to the Americans. I think that the agenda of ACA to provide low-cost healthcare to the residents had been fatal. Limited benefits are received by the citizens including older populations (Paulton & Moffit, 2018). However, the benefits are not limited to any one population only.

I agree with Christine that former president Obama focused on making healthcare accessible for all people at public hospitals and healthcare institutes (Hirst & Lane, 2016). President Bush’s emphasis on Food and Drug Administration also played a positive role in improving health of the Americans. His major contribution was to make medicines accessible only on prescription. This was a positive step for eliminating wrong use of drugs (Morone, 2010). I believe that federal regulations are important for making ACA more effective for the poor population.

I think that Trump’s budget of $286 million for family planning is an effective step for securing the health of mothers and babies. This reflects that ACA is also receiving significant attention from the current president. The comparison of the three presidents exhibits that they consider ACA as an important public utility that is linked to the welfare of masses.

I believe that Medicare pay for performance rules will enforce healthcare providers to become more responsive. The costs of insurance companies will rise more in the future so the state must control it (Paulton & Moffit, 2018). Decreased competition is the central cause behind high prices. The ACA must focus on more cost-effective healthcare plan that focuses on minimizing cost and maximizing benefit for the society at large.

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