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Causal Argument Paper

The cost of medical care and health services incurred by an average American individual in the current year will be around $11,000. A significant portion of these costs are paid out from the pockets of the individuals via premiums and the remaining chunk is reimbursed through taxation or workplace insurances. An examination of the US healthcare system revealed that it is hugely profit-oriented and nearly dysfunctional (Benson).

Bernie Sanders' speech draws attention towards dismal facts regarding healthcare in America. The outcomes are strikingly bleak in spite of high levels of healthcare expenditure. In 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the US spent $8,616, $9,036, $9,507 and $9,892 respectively which makes up a major chunk of the GDP. In stark contrast, statistics show the least spending in the UK, disbursing $3,845, $3,989, $4,125 and $4,192 in these four years.

In her presidential campaign, Elizabeth Warren is making the most of her premise by announcing that she is striving to make the American economy work for the middle-class workers specifically. Still, this does not probe into the solutions revolving around the status quo and the alarmingly high levels of medical care costs. The questions raised by the public are fair and demand diligent answers. Warren's plan needs an initial amount of $2 trillion in form of government revenue to end private medical care, which is the highlight of the plan but does not add up because even if Warren gets half of this amount from the employers, the other half would not be available. The cost factor is the plan’s biggest weakness as many Americans are chiefly worried and anxious about their slow income growth (Leonhardt). Another drawback of this idea is that everyone in American population is being forced to adopt this plan.

This article is a strong appraisal of the presidential candidate's plan for health care in America and aligns with causal arguments. All the relevant information is also present, for instance, alternate plans by other presidential candidates and includes suggestions that reach a conclusion thus committing a post-hoc fallacy.

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