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Health reforms refer to policies and procedures devised and adopted by the government that affect the delivery of Healthcare services in a specific geographical region. Healthcare reforms are designed to provide more quality Healthcare services to the citizens of that city, state or country at a much more affordable rate than before. Hence, they are (healthcare reforms) ultimately targeted at providing much better healthcare services are decreased cost.

One of the most recent advancements in the area of Healthcare reforms in the United States of America is “The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” of 2010, introduced by ex-President Barrack Obama (Obama, 2016). Macroeconomic factors like labor market fluctuations, financial and economic structure and employment levels affect the health care costs to a great extent. Health care reforms are designed while keeping in mind various microeconomic factors so that they can be more advantageous for the general public, especially the labor class, instead of being a burden.

The healthcare systems of the United States of America and Canada were almost the same and both countries used to follow the same Health Care System until Canada moved to another system during the decades of the 1960s and 1970s. It has been generally observed and proven through many studies that the United States spends much more on its healthcare plans as compared to Canada. This difference lies both in terms of per capita income and a percentage of total GDP (Crisp, & Chen, 2014). Hence, it can be said that the healthcare plans in the United States of America are much cheaper and more affordable as compared to healthcare schemes of Canada. The major source of financing for the healthcare projects in both the countries is the government but the total healthcare spending per capita by the US government was 23% higher than the Canadian government spending, which happens to be a huge difference.

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