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**Introduction**

In Australia, Medicare is considered to be a publicly funded healthcare system. The matter of fact is that the Department of Human Services tends to operate Medicare. Medicare funds primary health care and for the citizens of Australia. It must be taken into consideration that the residents are entitled to a rebate for treatment from allied health professionals, nurse practitioners, eligible midwives, and medical practitioners (Moon, 2018). It was the year 1975 which led to introducing this plan by the Whitlam Government. The main concern that needs to discuss is whether or not each Australian gets benefitted from Medicare. It is one of the most debated topics, and there must be some reasoning to take each side.

**Effectiveness of Medicare in Australia**

When it comes to the effectiveness of Medicare in Australia, the main concern would be whether each Australia is getting benefit from Medicare or not. Medicare Ivey tends to fund about 2% to Medicare. There is no doubt that Medicare in Australia is free. Each citizen will have to pay some amount of tax that will come out of his/her wage. An important aspect of Medicare which keeps it different than other healthcare is that it is available for everyone. Medicare aims to serve not just young or disabled, but it serves everyone. In a nutshell, it can be assumed that the majority of the Australians gets benefitted by Medicare.

Although Medicare is free of cost and helps a number of Australians in different ways, there is a high need to understand the fact that it may not cover everything. The perfect example in such a scenario would be that Medicare does not cover private or dental hospital fees or ambulance transport. Still, a large number of Australians gets benefitted from Medicare (Moon, 2018). The reason for that lies in the fact that Medicare tends to cover hospital treatments, doctor appointments, and a number of other services as well. A certain amount is covered by the government for the appointment of a doctor. Apart from this, Medicare covers public hospital fees as well. The outcomes of this result in helping a large number of Australians do not pay anything even for getting an X-Ray.

An increase in the number of Australians has been observed which take out the insurance for avoiding getting charged the extra tax. It can simply be assumed that Medicare is free healthcare which tends to provide facilities to each Australian who is willing to avail them. There is no doubt that Medicare makes healthcare right not a privilege. There is a high need for each Australian to possess the right to basic treatment and healthcare. One thing that must be taken into consideration is that such individuals must not have to be out of pocket as they are are in a need of basic treatment. Medicare tends to ensure that each Australian has access to free or low-cost hospital, optical, and medical care. Although Medicare does not cover all facilities essential for Australians, it plays a vital role in helping each Australian. Therefore, it can simply be said that it medicare tends to benefit not all, but the majority of Australians to a great extent.

**Rising Cost and Medicare**

The matter of fact is that there is a high certainty to see medical costs having a flat growth by the year 2019. Studies and research show that the steady trend is undoubtedly unsustainable for consumers. Due to a number of factors, an increase in the cost of healthcare has been observed over the past years. The outcomes of this may impact Medicare to a great extent. The increase in the healthcare cost depends on some key factors such as service price, medical service utilization, disease prevalence, population aging, population growth, ageing population, and rural areas. There is no doubt that such factors are paving the way towards making medicare unstable.

One thing that must be taken into consideration is the fact that along with such challenges, there has been seen enforcement of healthcare providers to do more with less cost. The outcomes of this result in threatening medicare towards instability. In the current scenario, there is a high need to opt for a different approach. There is no doubt that traditional methods to deliver healthcare can no longer meet such ever-growing demands. When it comes to Medicare, they are trying to put innovation in technology. By doing this, the threat of Medicare to be unsustainable becomes lower, but still, Medicare needs a lot more effort to put in order to compete with the rising cost of health and medical providers (Hassani et al., 2016).

The trends in technology are helping Medicare in a number of aspects. Therefore, there may be a chance for mediate to sustain the issues that come up due to the increase in the cost. The upgradation in devices can be taken as a great example of how technology is helping to alleviate the increase in the cost of healthcare. The matter of fact is that all of this has been done by reducing the need to visit a hospital or doctor. There is no doubt that technology tends to improve healthcare services in remote areas. The rising trends in technology may have positive as a well negative impact on Medicare. In Australia, an increase in the cost of medical and health providers can emerge negative for the case of Medicare (Moon, 2018).

The matter of fact is that the healthcare organizations that look for capitalizing the new technological innovation are in a need of secure, reliable, and connected data centre (Zhang et al., 2017). The matter of fact is that such sort of facility will ensure healthcare providers can be doing more with less. Apart from this, it must be taken into consideration that a holistic approach to healthcare technology will allow the Australian government to ensure they can retain the ability to delivering quality service to people. There is a high need to understand the fact that the increasing cost of Medicare tends to place a rising burden on current and future taxpayers. It must be considered that the system does not seem to ensure the deliverance of quality care which tends to contribute to unnecessary costs along with higher spendings.

**Conclusion**

It is concluded that. Medicare aims to serve not just young or disabled, but it serves everyone. It can simply be said that the majority of the Australians gets benefitted by Medicare, but not all. Every citizen will have to pay some amount of tax that will come out of his/her wage. medicare covers public hospital fees as well. The outcomes of this result in helping a large number of Australians do not pay anything even for getting an X-Ray. An important aspect of Medicare which keeps it different than other healthcare is that it is available for everyone. There is a high need for each Australian to possess the right to basic treatment and healthcare. Due to a number of factors, an increase in the cost of healthcare has been observed over the past years. There is no doubt that this increase has a great impact on Medicare. Medicare is trying to put innovation in technology. By doing this, the threat of Medicare to be unsustainable becomes lower.

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