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Health status

Executive summary

The paper examines the health status and healthcare services in Unites States and Australia. The healthcare system adopted by the two countries depicts some prominent differences. Australian healthcare system is developed for addressing the needs of 24.6 million people. Population in America reached 327.2 million in 2018. The budget approved by American state for healthcare sector in 2018 was $1.1 trillion compared to Australia’s $170 billion (AIHW, 2018). Statistics reveals that 79 million people are having issues in paying their medical bills in America (Amadeo, 2019). Population gap has been the significant reason for this difference. Growth in the Australian healthcare has been counted as 3.4% between 2015-2016.

Australia has a two-tier system including private and public services. Citizens of the state and visa holders can avail free public health facilities. Everyone can avail public health services. American healthcare system is relying mainly on Medicare and Medicaid, funded by the state through taxes. Free medical care is only offered to the low-earners and older population. Only a small proportion of population facilitates from Medicaid (Anderlini, 2018). America face significant challenges for expanding the healthcare services due to population explosion.

Receiving healthcare services involve more costs in United States compared to Australia. High cost paid by Americans include doctors fee, charges for the laboratory tests, radiology, hospital facilities and private healthcare insurance. The average spending in America on healthcare services is recorded as $9,8298 in 2017 compared to Australia’s $4,708. Healthcare is also contributing to the GDP by 17.2% and only 9.6% in Australia. Thus healthcare services are more expensive in United states compared to Australia. The population in America have to pay high costs for medicine due to the weak regulatory framework, resulting in exploitative power of the pharmaceutical firms. Medicines cost less in Australia due to better healthcare regulations.

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