

The effectiveness of the United States healthcare system is one of the topics that has been at the forefront of debates and elections for years. The American healthcare system has quite a bad reputation, due to the fact that it is often seen as being a money hungry sector. There have been many news reports done where people are reported to have died due to not being able to pay for various medical treatments such as surgeries and chemotherapy. There have also been quite a few reports of people dying due to not being able to pay for something so simple but yet so crucial, insulin. Even for people with insurance, outrageous monthly premiums and high copays end up causing a lot of people to go without necessary medicines. Due to issues such as these, the American healthcare system has not been number one in years.

An issue that is quite prevalent is the lack of education regarding nutrition and how to take care of ones' body. It is often said that Americas healthcare system is more focused on sick care than keeping one healthy in the first place. This connects our healthcare system to our education system. Many people believe that nutrition and how to live a healthy life should be something taught extensively in schools. When looking at the rate of obesity and other diseases such as diabetes, this makes complete sense. America is one of the leading countries in obesity. This is due to the large availability of fast food and sweets, as well as a lack of knowledge. When it comes to nutrition the main things that most people know are sweets are bad, vegetables are good, and exercise is good. This being said, there are many components that make up a healthy diet and healthy lifestyle. This is knowledge that needs to be shared in order to lead to us being a country that takes good care of its citizens.

The accountability arrangement that is most important in this area is how to manage being a public servant while also ensuring that there are enough funds coming in to be able to afford medical supplies and personnel. Being a public servant means you have the heart of a servant and you serve the public. In this situation, the patients needs will always come first. Each patient who needs help will be seen and treated in any way that is needed. The main issue facing our healthcare system today is when the patient does not have the ability to pay. This causes healthcare facilities to find it hard to keep up with the costs to keep running. Turning away someone in need is a horrible idea to think about. Thankfully, many hospitals accept payment plans. Also, public services such as Medicaid were created to help find a solution to this exact issue.

When addressing accountability in public and nonprofit service in the healthcare system, it is hard to know who we should actually hold accountable. Do we hold the individual doctors accountable? The people running the health department or our local hospitals? What about the insurance providers? There are so many branches that participate in the healthcare system of our country that it is hard to know who to hold accountable. I personally believe that each branch should be held accountable. The healthcare system is called a system for a reason. In order to function correctly, each branch needs to work together in able for the overall system to work. The issue that is brought up most often regarding the fault of our healthcare system is the cost of services. This is something that the healthcare system as well as elected officials are currently trying to figure out.

Healthcare is such an important policy area that it is easy to tie it into many other sectors. All sectors influence healthcare, whether it be education as previously described, law enforcement by enforcing legal regulations that practicing professionals and healthcare facilities must follow, or politics themselves. The overall idea of accountability in public service is something that must be present in every sector, and importance must be placed in the statement so that each sector (including healthcare) can function properly.