

## Health Care Options at a Glance

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How It Works	Government hires doctors and runs hospitals.	Doctors have private practices, hospitals may be owned by nonprofits or by government. Government pays the bills based on fee structures negotiated with health care providers.	Medical practices and hospitals are private (nonprofit or for-profit). Nonprofit, regulated "sickness" funds collect payments and pay health care bills under the terms of a negotiated fee structure.	Individuals or employers purchase coverage from mostly for-profit insurance companies. The elderly, disabled, veterans, some children, some low income people are covered through public programs.
Who Pays	Government	Government	Payroll contributions (compulsory) from employers and employees. Funds cover 75% of medical bills. Remainder comes from government, patients, and supplemental insurance.	Employers & individuals pay premiums. Most plans require co-pays and deductibles, and some costs are excluded. Government subsidizes employer plans through tax breaks and covers some families through publicly funded programs.

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<b>Who Is Covered</b>	Everyone	Everyone (NOTE: This is the system proposed in Rep. John Conyers National Health Insurance Act, HR 676.)	99% of population	Those with insurance, those covered by the Veterans Administration (which works like socialized medicine), Medicaid, and Medicare (which function like single-payer systems). Those with chronic illness or pre-existing conditions may not be able to find coverage at any price. About 50 million have no insurance, including nine million children.
<b>Cost per capita: WHO rank*</b>	\$2,389 for Britain: 24	\$2,989. for Canada: 35	\$2,902. for France: 4	\$5,711 for U.S.: 72