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Response 1

I agree that it is good to have access to health care for all Americans because of the significant benefits. However, the United States health care system is accompanied by substantial health disparities between the rich and the middle- and low-income individuals. Dickman et al. (2017), emphasize that low-income individuals have shorter lives and poorer health. The same source also added that high-income people have a high survival rate at seventy-five years than those of low-income. Moreover, I accede that low-income people will depend mostly on their employer's insurance cover, making it a challenge. Nevertheless, it is challenging to have wealthy people access better and quality health care services than the poor because it will be undermining the right to health care. The affordable care act (ACA) has tried to address the issues insurance cover and practices that hinder health care access by stressing prevention, efficient treatments, and decreasing health care deception and abuse. Also, through decreasing unpaid health care services, they can stop a change in the insurance premium.

Reference

Dickman, S. L., Himmelstein, D. U., & Woolhandler, S. (2017). Inequality and the healthcare system in the USA. *The Lancet*, 389(10077), 1431-1441.

Response 2

Healthcare access to all individuals is a challenge to all countries regardless of if they are citizens or all people, including immigrants. Therefore, I agree that the United States must develop a law that will mandate access to healthcare for all persons. According to Douthit et al. (2015), for healthcare for all citizens to be achieved, it will require the government to get involved and guarantee people obtain health services in a timely way to attain better health

results. Also, the elements of access to service for all Americans include ensuring all people are covered in the insurance cover, improve the quality of healthcare services provided and increase the number of healthcare workforce and provision of care when needed. The coronavirus pandemic indicated how the American healthcare system does not favor all individuals' access to it by allowing nearly five hundred thousand Americans to die. However, I approve that if all people could have access to healthcare, maybe most individuals who succumbed to Coronavirus might have recovered and their lives saved.

Reference

Douthit, N., Kiv, S., Dwolatzky, T., & Biswas, S. (2015). Exposing some important barriers to health care access in rural USA. *Public health*, 129(6), 611-620.

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