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Growth in Healthcare

I agree with the argument quoted in the statement that healthcare is witnessing a tremendous transformation continually. One of the primary reasons Americans find it challenging to access healthcare is the high cost. In addition to that, if Americans cannot access healthcare even with the advancements in technology and improvement in services, it does not serve its purpose. Furthermore, Americans with below-average incomes shy away from visiting health facilities when sick; they do not get the recommended medical tests, treatments, prescriptions, or follow-ups.

In 2013, 31% of uninsured American adults reported delaying or failing to get medical care due to the enormous costs, compared to 5% of those who subscribe to private insurance (Rabin et al., 2020). Moreover, 27% of Americans are covered in Medicare and Medicaid. Presently, the technological advances though commendable, have increased the cost of health care services. Another reason behind the increased cost of health is the rise of chronic illnesses like obesity and diabetes. Besides, experts are continuously working on preventive care, to improve and reduce the financial burden of chronic diseases. One of the components in Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act effected in 2013, offers supplementary funding to states that provide low-cost access to preventive care (Sommer et al., 2017). The law has three primary goals; to make health insurance available to the citizens, expand Medicaid to adults with income below 138% of the national poverty levels, and support innovative medical care delivery methods targeted at lowering healthcare services' general cost. Also, high administrative costs contribute to the inflated cost of healthcare in America.

Whereas many Americans have health insurance, the premiums keep rising while the quality of medical insurance policies is lowering. Health insurance is uneven, leaving many low-

income households underserved. Moreover, the World Health Organization (WHO) definition of health clearly states that health care should be accessible and affordable to everyone. However, healthcare is experiencing changes that are growing more like an industry than a long-standing one.

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