Health Care Reform in the United States: Beginning of the End or End of the Beginning

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The Affordable Care Act (ACA) represents the first major reform of health care in the United States since the 1960s. Although political opposition following initial passage has subsided, issues have emerged in the measure’s implementation. Current concerns focus on participation of historically uninsured people in the program, and ultimately on the measure’s long-term financial solvency. While broadening insurance coverage, the ACA leaves the expensive US health care delivery system unchanged. It is possible that the ACA will end health care reform in the US for at least a generation. Or, the measure may represent the first step in development of a system that adopts cost control provisions similar to those of Canada and other developed countries.

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