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The United States of America is the only wealthy, industrialized nation that does not provide universal *healthcare* for its citizens.

HOW DID THE TERM “*HEALTHCARE*” ORIGINATE?

***Definition:* The preservation of mental/physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession.**

***Clarification:* Health is a condition of the body and mind, whereas *healthcare* is a service provided to us by others. For most of our human history, *healthcare* has been a personal and familial responsibility that was indistinguishable from the idea of health.**

***Origin:* Healthy first attested to in 1552; health + care (circa 1910s).**

- **1930s - Blue Cross begins to offer private hospital care coverage**
- **1940s - President Truman offers national health program plan, which is denounced by the American Medical Association (AMA)**
- **1950s – The price of hospital care doubled**
- **1960s - President Johnson signs Medicare and Medicaid into law**
- **1970s - *Healthcare* costs escalate rapidly; medical field in crisis**
- **1980s - There is a shift toward privatization and corporatization**
- **1990s –16 % of the nation (44 million) have no health insurance**
- **2000s – Employer-based *healthcare* insurance is faltering**

CW: Healthcare = The treatment and management of illness

M of Z: Everyone, regardless of ability to pay, deserves healthcare