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Affordability Crisis

190 Critical Hospital Reviews July 2023

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, USA, August 15, 2023/SafeCareGroup.com/-- SafeCare magazine announced today the release of its August edition *Affordability Crisis*.

This edition of SafeCare focuses on the affordability crisis of American health care. Yearly, the cost of healthcare services in the USA outpaces the inflation rate of other goods and services in the economy. However, over the past two decades, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for medical care has grown at an alarming average rate of 3.2 percent per year, compared to the 2.5 percent growth in the overall CPI.

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As it stands, health care in the USA is big business. Some businesses are making a ton of money in health care, while 30 million Americans remain uninsured, and six million more went without needed (necessary) medical care because they could not afford to pay for it. According to Dr. Safeek, this affordability crisis is fueled by several factors. The main article focuses on four primary reasons for the health care affordability crisis in the USA.

"In 2021, the average American spent nearly \$13,000 on healthcare," said Dr. Safeek. "That is the highest worldwide, while Europeans spent less than half that amount. The current scheme allows pharmaceutical companies, medical device makers, and hospitals to charge exorbitant prices for prescription drugs, devices, and medical services without price transparency. Overpriced healthcare is why six million Americans went without needed medical care."

Since 2021, federal law has required hospitals to publicly post information about their standard prices and negotiated discount rates for common health services to encourage consumers to compare prices and to promote competition.

"As of today," said Yisrael Safeek, Esq. Vice Chairman of The SafeCare Group, "hospital price transparency data currently shared by hospitals to comply with federal law are messy, inconsistent and confusing."

In addition to the main article, there are 190 critical patient reviews from July from the patient rating site, rateahopsital.com.

You can read the article at www.safecaremagazine.com

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