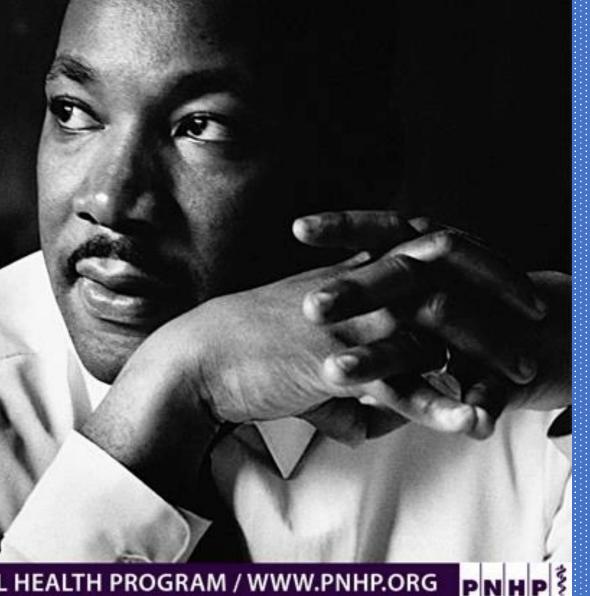
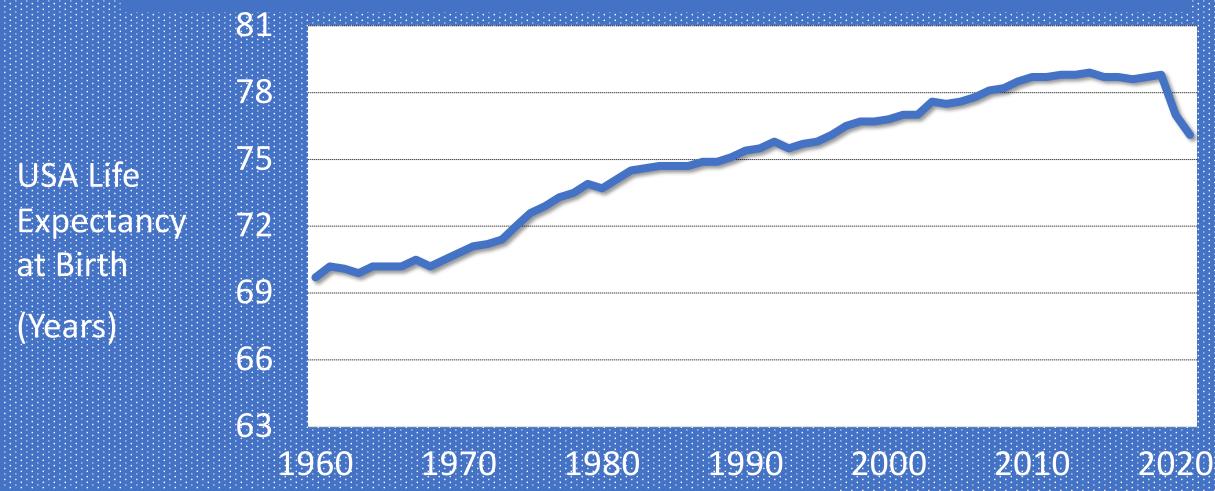


The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Second Annual Convention of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Chicago, March 25, 1966



Steady Rise in US Life Expectancy Until 2020



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Insurance benefits for hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers could be lost

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while 3 percent file for bankruptcy.





Brick-and-mortar pharmacies

9,900+ locations¹



Mail order pharmacy /
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103M members²
46M mail-order
prescriptions²



Health Insurer

Acquired 2018

17M privately-insured

3.2M Advantage

1.3M Medicare supp

2.9M Medicaid¹



Others

Urgent Care store clinic network

50M visits¹

1,100 locations

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Amazon Joins the Medicare Privatization Spree

The retail behemoth has acquired One Medical, which is in the Medicare privatization business.

July 23, 2022 Matthew Cunningham-Cook / THE LEVER

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Amazon founder and chairman Jeff Bezos., Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP

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News Releases



Are Indiana "not-for-profit" hospitals hoarding money?

By State Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle)

In 2019, a study from the RAND Corporation confirmed what many Hoosiers already knew too well - health care prices in Indiana are too high. This study found we had the highest relative hospital prices among 25 states they studied. A 2020 follow-up report that looked at prices nationwide found Indiana was sixth highest.

A review of not-for-profit hospitals' 2020 audited financial statements shows some of these hospitals' assets tally in the billions of dollars and grew by hundreds of millions of dollars even amidst a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic. In a year where hospitals were ordered to suspend elective surgeries, which hospitals warned could leave them in dire straits financially, many not-for-profit hospitals' assets grew leaps and bounds. ^e "IU Health, the state's largest physicians' network, has \$9.4 billion in assets [cash reserves] that grew by \$1.3 billion during 2020.

At the same time these hospitals are seeing such astronomical asset growth, employers are expecting a 5% increase in health care premiums nationwide.

It begs the question of what these 'not-for-profit' hospitals are doing with all this money. Are they truly benefitting the community? With such high levels of assets, why aren't hospitals cutting fees and charges to benefit Hoosiers?"

JAMA Network

In the mosaic floor of the opulent atrium of a house excavated at Pompeii is a slogan ironic for being buried under 16 feet of volcanic ash: *Salve Lucrum*, it reads, "Hail, Profit." That mosaic would be a fitting decoration today in many of health care's atria.

The grip of financial self-interest in US health care is becoming a stranglehold, with dangerous and pervasive consequences. No sector of US health care is immune from the immoderate pursuit of profit, neither drug companies, nor insurers, nor hospitals, nor investors, nor physician practices.

The New York Times

Doctors Aren't Burned Out From Overwork. We're Demoralized by Our Health System.

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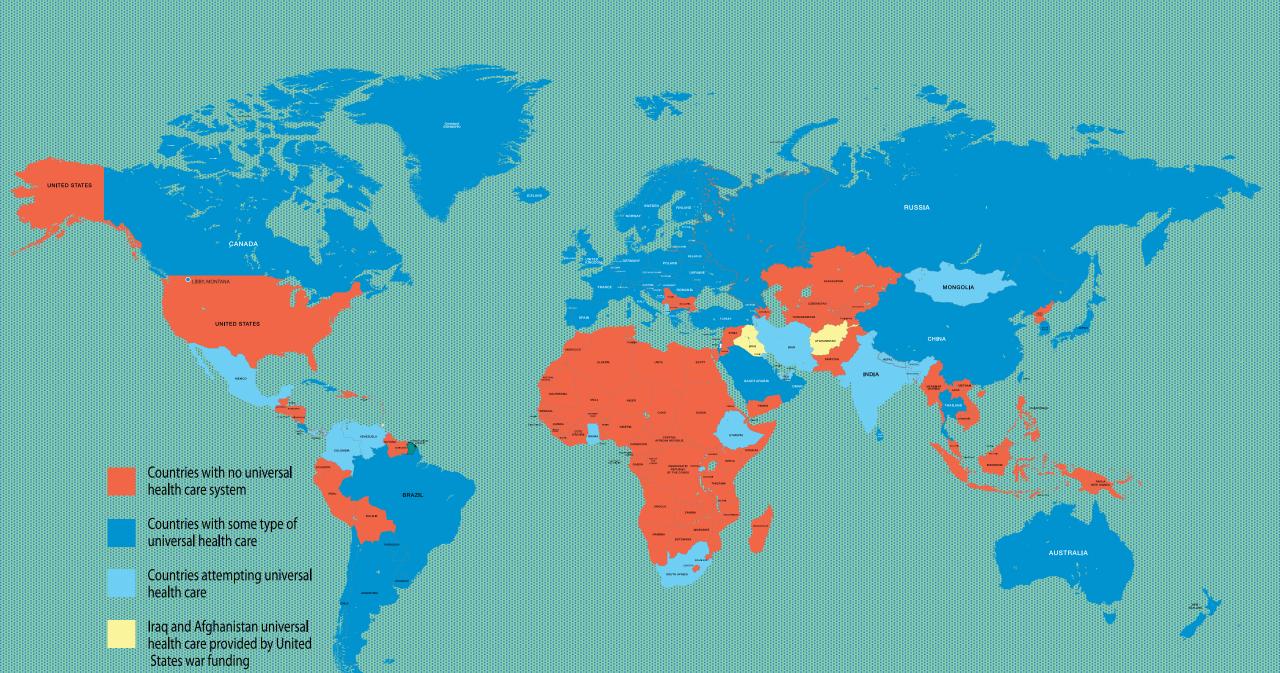


Moment, via Getty Images

By Eric Reinhart MD

"What's burning out health care workers is less the grueling conditions we practice under, and more our dwindling faith in the systems for which we work. What has been identified as occupational burnout is a symptom of a deeper collapse. We are witnessing the slow death of American medical ideology."

Countries with Universal Healthcare



Medicare Means Healthier Americans

