



The Healthcare Crisis in the United States

1. What is your reaction to what Mara and her family had to go through in order to receive treatment?
2. Why does the narrator say, "Many doctors feel that managed care threatens the traditional values of medicine."
3. What is your reaction to the cost of prescription drugs?
4. According to Marcia Angell, what is Medicare?
5. What population qualifies for Medicare?
6. How is Medicare funded?
7. What do you think Medicaid is and who is it for?
8. How do you think Medicaid is funded?
9. Why is it difficult in America to obtain good health insurance if one is unemployed, self-employed, or working for a small employer?
10. Why is Alicia reluctant to apply for Medicaid?
11. Why do you think medical costs have risen so dramatically?