$ The cost of care

Annual hospital safety report card grades:

‘A’ – 31.9% (of hospitals)
‘B’ – 26.5%
‘C’ – 34.8%
‘D’ – 5.9%
‘F’ – 0.9%

The Leapfrog Group, 2014

Physician-office visits increased by 2.7% in 2013, the first such increase in four years. IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, 2014

Approximately 400,000 preventable patient deaths occur each year, more than four times the rate in 1999. Journal of Patient Safety, 2014

Demand trends

Routine vaccinations of children born between 1994 and 2013 will prevent 322 million illnesses, 21 million hospitalizations, and 732,000 deaths. CDC, 2014

Approximately 86% of ER doctors expect visits to rise over the next three years. American College of Emergency Physicians, 2014

Health reform

Insurance expansion under the Affordable Care Act will cost $1.383 trillion over the next decade. CBO, 2014

More than nine out of 10 federally qualified health centers reported having electronic health records systems in 2013, up from 30% in 2009. The Commonwealth Fund, 2014

Roughly 5.4 million Americans previously lacking health insurance have received coverage since state and federal exchanges opened. The Urban Institute, 2014

Approximately four million people of the nation’s 30 million uninsured will have to pay penalties in 2016 for lacking health coverage. CBO, 2014