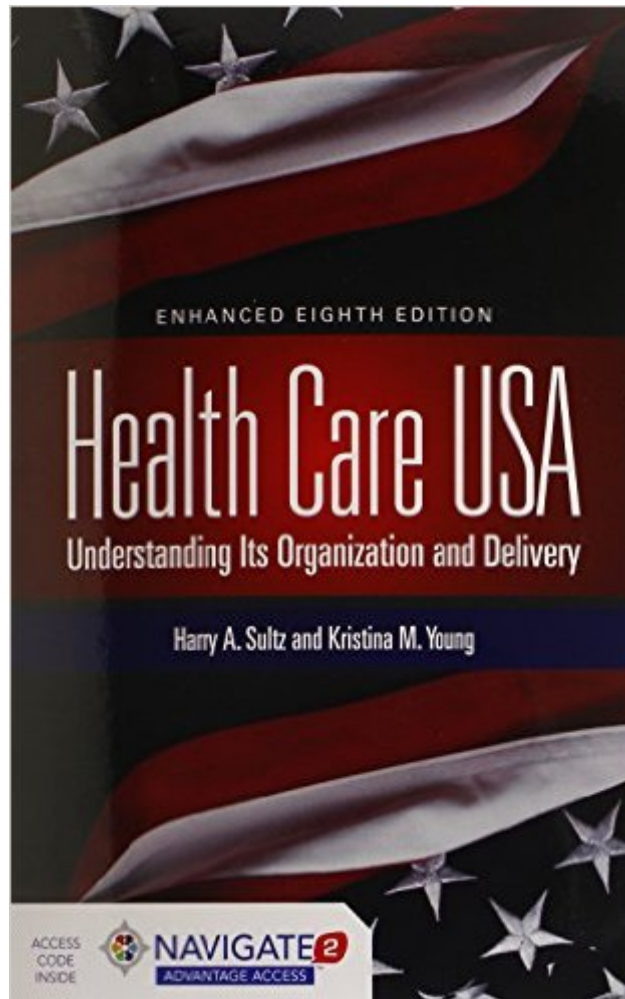


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# Health Care USA: Understanding Its Organization And Delivery



## Synopsis

Health Care USA, Eighth Edition Includes Navigate Advantage Access, offers students of health administration, public health, medicine, and related fields a wide-ranging overview of America's health care system. Combining historical perspective with analysis of current trends, this expanded edition charts the evolution of modern American health care, providing a complete examination of its organization and delivery while offering critical insight into the issues that the U.S. health system faces today. From a physician-dominated system to one defined by managed care and increasingly sophisticated technology, this essential text explains the transformation underway and the professional, political, social, and economic forces that guide it today and will in the future. Balanced in perspective and comprehensive in its coverage, Health Care USA, Eighth Edition, provides students with a clearly organized, straightforward illustration of the complex structures, relationships and processes of this rapidly growing industry, including thoroughly updated information throughout, on the progress and impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Eighth Edition has been thoroughly revised to reflect recent developments in this dynamic industry. The latest edition features:

- A comprehensive overview of the complex and evolving U.S. health care system, plus revised data, material and analysis throughout.
- Updated information on the progress and impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- New information on the efforts of hospitals to reduce medical errors, such as the Institute for Health Care Improvement's 100,000 Lives Initiative
- Update Department of Labor estimates of number and types of health care personnel.
- Provide an historical overview of Medicare and Medicaid programs: definitions and history
- Explain the role of Managed Care as the primary mode of US health insurance coverage
- Updated long term care industry trends
- A thoroughly revised chapter on Mental Health services including a new discussion of preventive behavioral services, and recent developments from the Freedom Commission on Mental Health

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This book has something on everything. Very comprehensive. Written with a slightly liberal, social justice bias, this book is a great introduction to how the Health Care System works in the US, its flaws and recent developments. Knowing very little about the US system beforehand, I now feel I have a solid grounding in the basics, with a knowledge of the higher level issues too. The reference list at the end of each chapter is invaluable. It is worth getting the most recent edition as this 7th Ed has been bang up to date for my purposes, with a LOT of updates on developments under the Obama administration compared to my colleagues 6th edition. I have given only 4 stars rather than 5 as I did find the long sentences a bit too much prose for bedtime reading, I found myself breaking the prose into shorter sentences myself! Nonetheless, the sections are clearly labelled and broken into accessible 1-2 page mini-sections within chapters and the index and contents are very good so I would not say the wordiness should put you off if you are used to reading undergraduate or other academic texts.

As an MPH student, it is critical for us to understand healthcare organization and delivery. This book does a fantastic job! As an added bonus, I have had the pleasure of being taught by Christina herself! I am constantly amazed by her credentials and the level of knowledge she has acquired over the years.

This is an awesome book with a perspective on the ills of our messed up healthcare system and why it is the way it is today. Great eye-opener and thought provoking information for those looking to understand.

It's not , but it's also not reading the dictionary or legal code. I found the text easy to understand and engaging. For a text, it kept my interest and made the content interesting - a great feat for a textbook on health care policy!

The textbook was used for a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration course. It is well written, but the authors assume that you know many of the economic and healthcare terms and definitions, so for a person who is not directly involved in management, it was difficult to read at times. Overall though, the book is extremely informative.

Recommended for students pursuing a degree in healthcare administrative & management programs. Covers history of healthcare in the U.S. and discusses future challenges and concerns with the adoption of EHR, HITECH Act, ACA, etc.

This textbook really helped me understand the USA health system better and I look forward to the updated copies in the future. It's a easy and straight forward read, which in my opinion makes a complicated and sometimes boring subject more interesting.

Difficult to read and understand some of the content. Part of the reason, I'm sure, was because the class was boring and uninteresting.

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