VIEWPOINT

SOME VIEWS ABOUT THE HIGH COST OF MEDICAL CARE IN CHINA

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Abstract. Since China began its reform and opened up to the outside world, medical technology and treatment have improved greatly, but the cost of medical care has increased, causing an increasing burden on the Chinese people. We attempted to find reasons for the high cost medical treatment. These included: 1. the high cost of new drugs and high medicine rebates; 2. the bonus distribution system in the hospitals; and 3. over use. We provides some suggestions to control these high costs, such as controlling the price of new drugs, controlling the medical examination fee and punishment for causing high cost.

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