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Many students have limited knowledge about US healthcare policy.

- 2005 study: Knowledge gap discovered via questionnaire completed by 1,400 medical students
 - 72% unable to quantify amount of uninsured in the US
 - 27% unaware that US spends more per person on healthcare coverage than any other nation

Students are inheriting a healthcare system that is in transition.

- Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”): Expand availability of healthcare
 - Medicaid Expansion is optional: 16 states have NOT participated
 - High consumer out of pocket costs with high deductible health care plans

Current policy discussions are shaping the future of healthcare.

- Triple Aim – Healthcare 2.0
 - Population Health
 - Patient Experience of Care (Quality)
 - Cost

How students can get involved.

- Patients
 - Understand cost of treatment(s)
- Payers & The Practice
 - Payer Risk Sharing Agreements
 - Quality of Care Committees
- Government/Advocacy Groups
 - Committee hearings
 - Board positions reserved for clinicians

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