

ISSUE WORKSHEET

1. Did you know?

• Where do people get health care? Six out of 10 Americans get health care from their employers. Seniors can use Medicare. Californians with low-income can use the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs. About 5% buy private insurance.

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- About 15% in the U.S. have no health care. These tend to be people 18-44 and people in low-wage jobs without benefits.
- Health care costs have been going up about 7% each year. Experts say the main reasons are the high cost of prescription drugs and the fact that people are living longer. On average, people now live 25 to 30 years longer than they did 100 years ago.

2. What other learners have said about health care...

- We need universal health care for everyone. Other countries do it. Let's send a team to study how they make it work.
- We need to think about what we can do in our communities. We can pool our resources to increase our buying power. Maybe we can have a community health care co-op.
- One of the reasons health care costs so much is the lawsuits and lobbying. We need to make the health care system simpler.

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