1. Record Nr. UNINA9910820186603321 Reagan Michael D Autore Titolo The Accidental System: Health Care Policy In America / / by Michael D Reagan Pubbl/distr/stampa Boca Raton, FL:,: Routledge,, [2018] ©1999 **ISBN** 0-429-97651-8 0-367-31824-5 0-429-96543-5 0-429-49688-5 1-283-30106-7 9786613301062 0-8133-4701-7 1-4294-8755-0 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (334 p.) Dilemmas in American Politics Collana Disciplina 362.1/0973 362.10973 Soggetti Medical policy - United States Medical care - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Formato Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Cover; Title Page; Copyright; Contents; List of Tables and Photos; List of Acronyms; 1: The Basic Dilemma: Is Health Care a Right or a Market Commodity?; What's Wrong with the Market Model?; Is There an Ethical "Right" to Health Care?; 2: The Accidental System; The Early Years,; HMOs and Prospective Payment,; The Public Sector: Niche Health Care,; Where Are Current Trends Leading?: 3: The Stakeholders and the Policy

Where Are Current Trends Leading?; 3: The Stakeholders and the Policy Process; The Clinton Health Plan Debacle and Its Aftermath,; Federalism Is Alive and Well in Health Care,; The Cast of Characters and Their Strategies,
4: Beneath the Dilemmas, the TrilemmaHow Do We Define Quality Care?: Health Care Costs: How High the Moon?: Is the Insured

Care?; Health Care Costs: How High the Moon?; Is the Insured Population Increasing? No.; So, What's the Trilemma?; 5: Medicare and

Medicaid: The Entitlement Dilemmas; What Does Medicare Cost the Taxpayers? The Seniors?; Medicare: The Policy Dilemmas,; Medicaid: Medicare's Poor Relation,; 6: Good Health at Lower Cost: How Do Other Nations Do It?; Canada: Mixed Funding and Provincial Responsibility,; United Kingdom: Socialism with Private Beds,; Germany: Public Framework, Private Operation,; To Each Its Own, 7: Managed Care: Boon or Bane? Both! 107A Managed Care Profile,; The Case for Managed Care,; The Case Against Managed Care,; The Bottom Line? A Mixed Verdict,; 8: Controlling Costs: Mission Impossible?; Cost Cutting-Business Style,; Better Treatments Lead to Lower Costs,; Can the United States Change Its Culture of Medicine?; 9: A Sensible Wild Idea: Universalize Medicare; Americans Will Live with the Dilemma-But Not Forever,; Light at the End of the Health Care Tunnel?; A Simple Idea: Universalize Medicare,; Notes; Index

Sommario/riassunto

With the demise of the Clinton health care reform plan, the debate on health care changed but did not subside. From opinion pieces in newspapers to dinner-table conversations, the debate over whether the right to quality health care is a public right, akin to educating our children, or whether it is a private one, akin to life insurance, continues. In The Accidental System Michael Reagan shows that in the American political context, health care is neither exclusively a public right nor a private privilege. This insightful policy study provides students with an excellent demonstration of how public policy intersects with private markets.