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Sommario/riassunto

This book describes the strengths and limitations of the current system of employment-based health benefits and outlines what might be done to overcome some of the problems associated with current policies and practices. It provides information on who is covered for what services and at what costs, on how programs vary by employer size and industry, and on what governments do, and do not do, to oversee employment-based health programs.