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A Prescription For Healthcare Reform: Fact Book And Road Map

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Fact Book and Road Map

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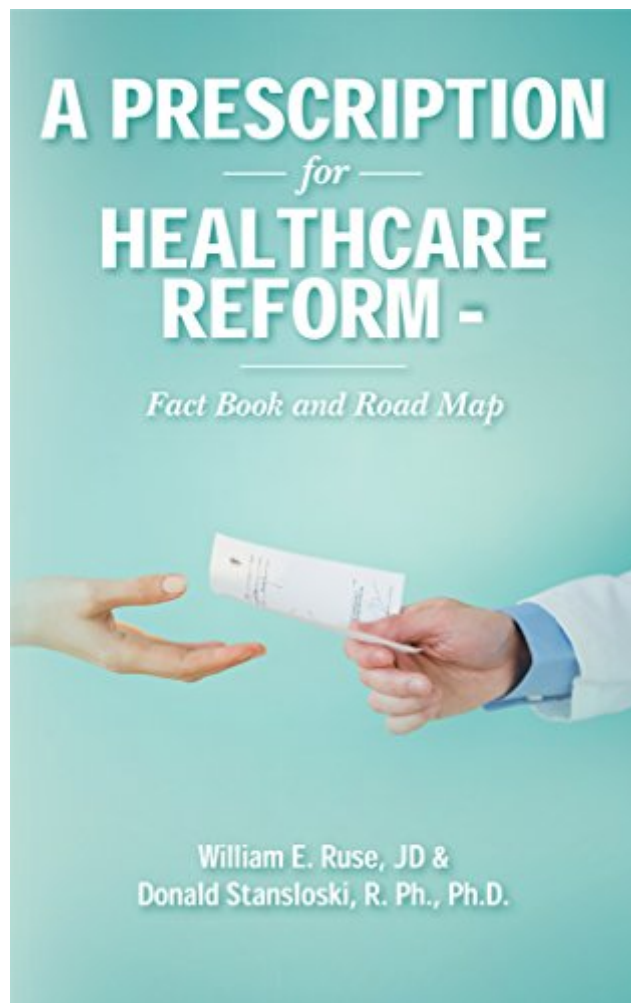
Synopsis

Americans spend over $3 trillion annually on their health care, yet many encounter high costs, limited access to services, and uneven quality of care. A Prescription for Health Care Reform proposes a better way to make sure everyone is adequately insured. The authorsÃ¢â¬â„¢ primary recommendation is to restructure Medicaid. The creation of a new Medicare Part E would bring all of Medicaid under the umbrella of the federal government and would immediately relieve states of an annual burden of $200 billion. This shift in funding could be financed through a small payroll tax, though the authors suggest that such a tax may be unnecessary, given the possibility that costs could be offset through more efficient practices and the negotiation of lower drug prices.Among other recommendations, the authors advocate for establishing a government program to ensure that retirees have long-term care insurance so they can afford nursing-home care if needed. They also call for the development of software to streamline the billing and payment process for insurance, thereby saving billions of dollars a year. The book concludes with many practical, well-thought-out suggestions detailing steps that will help Americans access the health care they need at a reasonable price.

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