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Abstract

The squaring of the life curve and the resulting aging of the population have profound ramifications for health care and its increasing overall and per capita cost. Moreover, health security and financial security are integrally related: As people live longer, they need to provide economically for more post-retirement years, including health care costs during this telescoping period; the one intensifies the other. This study will discuss the general global effects of longevity on health care costs, primarily focusing on the system for the finance and delivery of health care in the United States.

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