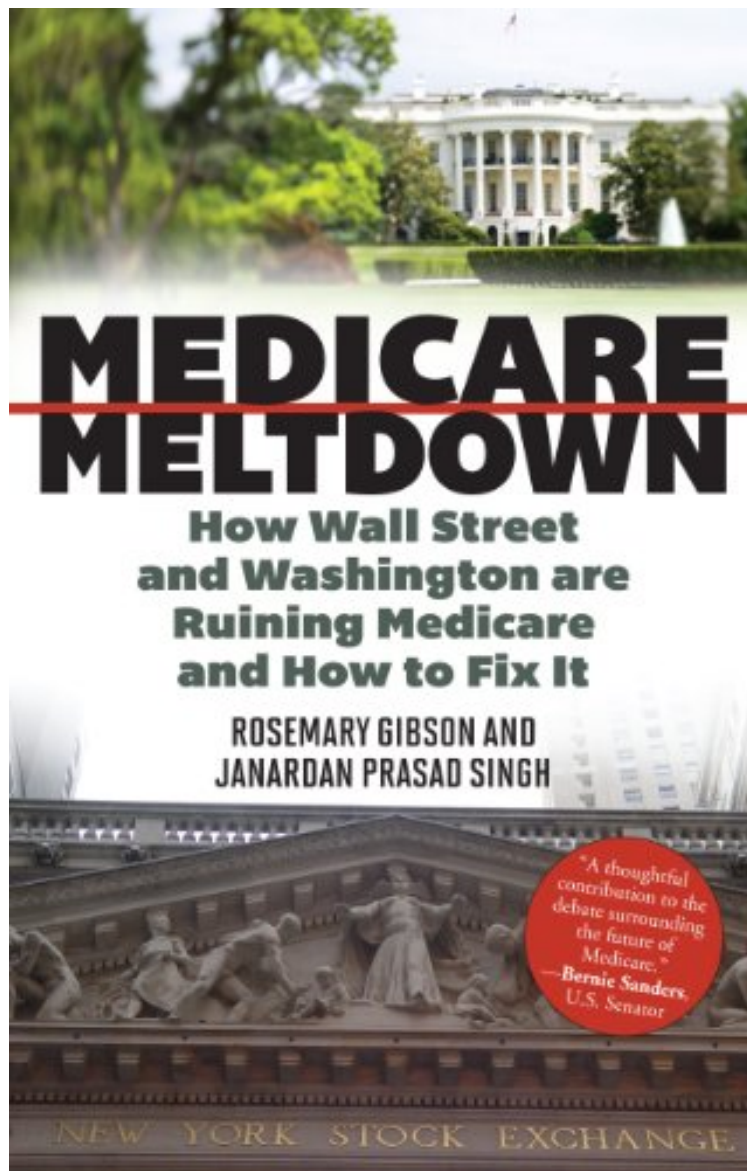


[Read download] Medicare Meltdown: How Wall Street and Washington are Ruining Medicare and How to Fix It

Medicare Meltdown: How Wall Street and Washington are Ruining Medicare and How to Fix It

Rosemary Gibson, Janardan Prasad Singh
ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#1277462 in Books Rowman Littlefield Publishers 2013-04-16 Original language: English PDF # 1 8.87 x .85 x 5.951, .89 #File Name: 1442219793152 pages | File size: 38.Mb

Rosemary Gibson, Janardan Prasad Singh : Medicare Meltdown: How Wall Street and Washington are Ruining Medicare and How to Fix It before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Medicare Meltdown: How Wall Street and Washington are Ruining Medicare and How to Fix It:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fresh Look at Medicare Problems By The Mallard This book has a new take on what is wrong with Medicare and how to fix it. In placing the blame on Washington and Wall Street, the authors make a compelling case. What is meant by Washington is clear -- it's big government. Wall Street includes for-profit hospitals, big pharma, medical equipment makers and more. Seems to me they are talking about more examples of crony capitalism (sometimes called corporate welfare.) This is no doubt a huge problem for our country that goes well beyond healthcare. What the authors seem to ignore is the demographic problem, i.e., retiring baby boomers, etc. Still anyone interested in finding solutions to controlling health care costs will find this a very interesting read

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An excellent overview of the problems from 1965 until today with Medicare. By Edward P. Johnson Clearly gives examples of both congressional inaction due to special interest lobbying groups and the "Business of Medicare". both of which have put the entire program in financial jeopardy now and into the near future. Gives examples of the Wall Street involvement with hospital corporations, doctor specialty groups and even hospice takeovers motivated by deception and monetary greed as the primary driver to get Medicare money, especially with the illegal billings of many professional organizations. This is a valuable expose of the excesses of lobbying of both houses of congress and special groups against the entire Medicare program's long-term survival. We now borrow 40 cents of every dollar paid out by Medicare from China and other countries, which is totally out of line with the reality of how the program should work for current and future American retirees!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great read - Tells it all By Ronn, Just Ronn This is a book for read for those who want to understand why our health care system is never going to succeed unless we can separate the profiteers and return to the true art of healthcare and the Hippocratic oath - Greed and big business - for profits are stealing our health care dollars and taking lives every second - read it!

Medicare affects everyone. If you are a boomer, you are counting on Medicare to protect you from the cost of health care when you retire. If you have turned 65, you already depend on Medicare. If you are a Gen-X or Gen-Y, you are contributing to Medicare from your paycheck. Will Medicare continue to exist as we have known it? Will it be there when you need it? How much will it cost? As the future of Medicare is debated in Washington, Rosemary Gibson and Janardan Prasad Singh shine a light on a rarely-seen side of this storied program: the business of Medicare. Medicare is known as an entitlement for the nation's seniors. It is also the largest entitlement-based program for any business sector in the US economy. Its beneficiaries include hospitals, doctors, drug companies, device manufacturers, Wall Street investment banks, private equity firms, hedge funds, and others that rely on the \$600 billion that Medicare spends a year. The ties that bind Wall Street and Washington in the healthcare industry are strong, and they will play an outsized role in determining Medicare's future. Gibson and Singh reveal how the industry's interests are often at odds with those of seniors and boomers. While some politicians point to the culture of dependence of the public on Medicare, the authors suggest that policymakers turn their attention to the culture of dependence of the healthcare industry on Medicare, which is the predominant force pushing the program toward a fiscal cliff. The amount of waste in the Medicare program is equivalent to the entire economy of New Zealand. For Medicare to be sustained, this culture of dependence -- and the habits it breeds, namely waste, excessive pricing, and overuse of unnecessary services -- should be the first priority for the chopping block. By paring back the excess, the authors argue, Medicare can be sustained for future generations. This is essential reading for anyone interested in how Medicare works, how it could work better, and where it will go if reforms are not made.

...Bolsters the case we have been making that Medicare must be preserved and strengthened... without shifting costs to seniors who are already paying a large share of their modest incomes for health care. (Max Richtman, president and CEO, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare) A thoughtful contribution to the debate surrounding the future of Medicare. (Bernie Sanders, U.S. Senator) Rarely have I felt as justified in supporting a book. Any person who cares about American public life, politics or their own personal well-being should closely read this book. (Amitai Etzioni, professor, George Washington University; founder of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics) A riveting read, this eyebrow raising and pupil dilating book frames 'entitlement' in a new light and uncovers some inconvenient truths. (Jennie Chin Hansen, former CEO of American Geriatrics Society, past president of AARP) The most powerful analysis of Medicare I have seen in my career. (Jean E. Johnson, dean, School of Nursing, The George Washington University) Courageous authors like Rosemary Gibson and Janardan Prasad Singh are shining a spotlight on how Wall Street and the health care industry's sense of entitlement are contributing to the financial meltdown of Medicare. (Randy Block, Gray Panthers National Board) After exposing the hidden impact of medical errors, Rosemary Gibson and Janardan Prasad Singh take on financial and political intrigues in the Medicare program. Medicare Meltdown is a lively polemic, leaving no prisoners in a provocative expose; of the \$600 billion Medicare program. (Kip Piper, president, Health Results Group, LLC) This expose is quite readable. It is shocking, depressing, and educational. Everyone should read this book. (American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy) About the Author Rosemary Gibson is a national authority on U.S. health care. At the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, she designed and led national initiatives to improve health care quality and safety. She was vice president

of the Economic and Social Research Institute and served as senior associate at the American Enterprise Institute. She is principal author of *Wall of Silence*, *The Treatment Trap*, and *The Battle Over Health Care*. She serves as an editor for the *Archives of Internal Medicine* series, *Less is More*. Janardan Prasad Singh is an economist at the World Bank. He has been a member of the International Advisory Council for several prime ministers of India. He worked on economic policy at the American Enterprise Institute and on foreign policy at the United Nations. He has written extensively on health care, social policy, and economic development. He was a member of the Board of Contributors of the *Wall Street Journal*. He is co-author of *Wall of Silence*, *The Treatment Trap*, and *The Battle Over Health Care*.