

Case Study 2

Rationing in Decisions about Health Care Programs: An Exercise

The Federal Government has placed a cap on any new health care expenditures. The eight programs listed below have been proposed for funding. The total cost of all programs should be \$30 billion, but only \$17 billion is available. Which program would you select for funding? Rank them in the order of priority, and distribute the available funds.

- A. Continuation of Renal Dialysis Program
(\$2 billion annually for 75,000 persons).
- B. Institution of a Comprehensive Prenatal Health Program
(\$2 billion annually. Black infant mortality rates are double than those of white).
- C. Expansion of Neonatal Intensive Care Technology
(1.5 billion annually for 200,000 infants).
- D. A totally Implantable Artificial Heart Program
(3 billion annually for 25,000 people, when perfected).
- E. Health Insurance for the Uninsured (employed and unemployed and their family dependents who are not covered by private insurance, Medicare, or any other insurance program)
(\$8 billion annually for 25 million persons).
- F. Expansion of the Cancer Research.
(By 2 billion annually)
- G. Improved Health Care Coverage for the Elderly
(\$10 billion annually for 27 million persons. Many elderly require long-term care in skilled nursing facilities. They are admitted as private-pay only after their assets are depleted).
- H. Continuation of Support for Persons in Persistent Vegetative States (e.g., Karen Quinlan), with artificial feeding and hydration, antibiotics,
(\$1.5 billion annually for 10,000 persons).

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