

ous ways: the equity of health resources distribution and the effectiveness of health resources utilization. In addition, the access issue in Taiwan should be focused on balancing the desirable manpower development across all medical specialties and geographic areas.

Recently, the concept of managed care has received a great deal of attention in current proposals for a second-wave of reform to alleviate critical financial situations for both the insurer and providers. With the soon-to-be-implemented global budget system, the growth rate of health expenditures is expected to slow down, and concerns regarding the impacts on quality and access will be recognized. The success of referral mechanisms may be one of the key features affecting changes of access to health care.

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