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Summary: According to the new BEA estimates, the share of GDP spent on health in 2022 declined to 17.1% from 17.5% in 2021 and 17.9% in 2020. This marks the second consecutive year of decline in health spending as a share of GDP. The estimated share in 2022 represents the smallest share of the economy spent on health since 2014 and a smaller share than was spent on health in 2019, before the start of the pandemic. Adjusting for differences in overall and medical inflation, the share of GDP spent on health in 2022 was largely unchanged from 2020 and 2021. As such, the decline in health spending as a share of GDP in 2021 and 2022 was primarily driven by high inflation in sectors outside of health and a lagging medical inflation. Related: A Huge Threat to the U.S. Budget Has Receded. And No One Is Sure Why and Why Medicare and Social Security Are Sustainable

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