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天价医疗费之下，看不起病的美国人都去哪儿了
大西洋

词组
-rupt (打破) go bankrupt
指破产这个状态

Americans are going bankrupt from getting sick
/ˈbæŋkrʌpt/ 形容词
a 倒词的，破产的

Medical debt is a uniquely American phenomenon, a burden that would be
fathom v. 弄明白，搞清楚 /ˌnfæðəməbl/ 负担
an unfathomable month in the American Journal of Public Health, nearly 60 percent of people who have
theory 一个很 对数量的理论
a. 高深莫测的，不可理解的
filed for bankruptcy said a medical expense "very much" or "somewhat" contributed to
v. 向法院(申请)送交备案 或多或少
their bankruptcy. 很大程度上 有点

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医疗债务高到
让人破产的一个
主要原因

Emergency-room visits and planned (surgical procedures) are the most common
手术 急诊室 急诊就医 外科手术的 治疗手段
causes of large medical bills that patients simply can't afford to pay. Often, a hospital
might be covered by a person's insurance network, but the individual doctors who work
上保险 将指医保囊括的保障范围
there and the ambulance company (that services it aren't) a situation that can lead to
hospital v. hospital
something called balance billing.
(指上面提到的情况)

差额账单
(保险公司不理账，需要自己掏腰包的费用)

③
更加残酷的事

The painkiller kicked in.
止痛药的药效开始起作用了。
/biˈzɑːr/ /ˈluːphoʊl/
Sometimes, bizarre loopholes kick in at the darkest moments, like the fact that a
a. 怪诞的，异乎寻常的 开始生效起作用 诡异的
baby would be covered upon birth under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance
从出生开始

upon /əˈpaɪn/
prep. - ... 就

Upon arrival, they went in search of a hotel.
一到目的地，他们就开始了找旅馆了。

Program, the government insurance program for children, but a stillbirth might not be
covered, says Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, a legal director at the Legal Aid Justice
Center.
a. 胎儿死腹中的，还没有开始就已经失败的
a stillborn plot 一个阴谋流产了。

bizarre a. /biˈzɑːr/ a. 非常奇怪的不同寻常的
a person in a bizarre outfit
一个穿衣服很奇怪的人

loop n. 圆圈 hole n. 洞孔
loophole n. (法律合同等的) 漏洞，空子
a legal loophole 一个法律漏洞
to close/address a loophole 要堵住一个漏洞



由 扫描全能王 扫描创建

④ 政府的补救措施

spokesman n. 男性发言人
spokeswoman n. 女性发言人

In a statement, an American Hospital Association spokesperson told me that in 2017, hospitals provided more than \$38 billion worth of care to patients who could not afford it otherwise.

在一份声明中

n. 发言人

~~医疗~~ 医疗服务

数字金额 + worth of sth

价值为...的 sth

incur substantial losses

遭受巨大的损失

e.g. He wound up as a millionaire.

他最后成了百万富翁。

incur fines 导致罚款

incur the wrath of a

招来朋友 friend.

的愤怒。

⑤ 政府提供的医疗服务还是很有限的

end up

Still, some patients do wind up with medical debt, which discourages them from

最终沦落到 /'n:kə:/

seeking medical care, because they fear they will incur even more debt if they go to the

v. 招致; 遭受

doctor again. In the end, they get sicker, and risk plunging even further into debt.

risk doing sth
冒着做 sth 的风险

plunge into 负债; 使陷入

e.g. America is plunging into recession.

美国陷入经济衰退

an imminent

disaster

迫在眉睫的灾难

When everything fails, and the person is at imminent risk of having wages

a. (尤指令人不快事) 即将发生, 逼近的

garnished because they've been sued for medical debt, it might be time to file for

v. 为偿付债务(或赔偿)而扣押(钱财, 尤指个人薪资)

bankruptcy, says Sandoval-Moshenberg. The people who do become the tip of a very

big debt iceberg.

the tip of an/the iceberg
冰山一角; 问题的一小部分

↑
file for bankruptcy

Many species of animal are in imminent

danger of extinction. 世界上许多物种濒临灭绝。

have sth done 表被动

