

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Part I

OVERVIEW OF HEALTH CARE REFORMS

<i>Chapter 1.</i>	Introduction	11
<i>Chapter 2.</i>	Evolutionary Reforms	15
<i>Chapter 3.</i>	Structural Reforms in the 1990s	29
<i>Chapter 4.</i>	Success in Cost Containment	37
<i>Chapter 5.</i>	Conclusions	45

Part II

HEALTH CARE REFORM IN SEVENTEEN OECD COUNTRIES

<i>Chapter 6.</i>	Australia	55
<i>Chapter 7.</i>	Austria	81
<i>Chapter 8.</i>	Canada	103
<i>Chapter 9.</i>	Denmark	123
<i>Chapter 10.</i>	Finland	133
<i>Chapter 11.</i>	Greece	149
<i>Chapter 12.</i>	Iceland	167
<i>Chapter 13.</i>	Italy	181
<i>Chapter 14.</i>	Japan	205
<i>Chapter 15.</i>	Luxembourg	219
<i>Chapter 16.</i>	New Zealand	227
<i>Chapter 17.</i>	Norway	243
<i>Chapter 18.</i>	Portugal	251
<i>Chapter 19.</i>	Sweden	265
<i>Chapter 20.</i>	Switzerland	285
<i>Chapter 21.</i>	Turkey	303
<i>Chapter 22.</i>	United States	317

List of Tables

Chapter 1

1.1	Principal methods of providing services under health insurance in 1990: main scheme	13
-----	---	----

Chapter 2

2.1	Cost-sharing for health care services, October 1993	18
2.2	Average length of stay in acute-care hospitals, 1980 and 1992	19
2.3	Negative or positive lists of drugs and price controls, <i>circa</i> 1990	25

Chapter 4

4.1	Health expenditures as a percent of GDP: 1972, 1982, and 1992	37
4.2	Real GDP per capita, health expenditures as a percent of GDP, and the public share of health expenditures, 1992	38
4.3	Change in public share of health care financing and real income growth, 1981-91	40
4.4	Doctors per capita, hospital bed capacity, and activity rates	41
4.5	Type of payment for primary care and cost-sharing practice	42
4.6	Life expectancy and perinatal mortality rate	43

Australia

6.1	Changes in the Australian health care system, 1975-90	72
6.2	Life expectancy at birth by sex, 1980-90	73
6.3	Mortality rates by age, 1980-90	73
6.4	Total health expenditure at current prices, 1982/83 to 1990/91	73
6.5	Total health expenditure at constant (1984/85) prices, 1982/83 to 1990/91	74
6.6	Growth in total health expenditure, 1983/84 to 1990/91	74
6.7	Distribution of health expenditure by source of funds, 1982/83 to 1988/89	75
6.8	Distribution of recurrent health expenditure by area of expenditure, 1982/83 to 1988/89	76
6.9	Hospitals and beds, 1982/83 to 1988/89	76
6.10	Persons employed in selected health occupations, 1986	77
6.11	Medical services processed under Medicare, selected years	77
6.12	Medicare: Direct billing and adherence to schedule fees, all medical services, 1984/85 to 1989/90	78
6.13	Private health insurance cover, 1983-91	78
6.14	Percentage of various age groups having private hospital insurance, 1983-90	78

Austria

7.1	Contributions to social insurance as a percentage of gross income, by occupational category, 1992	90
-----	---	----

Canada

8.1	Hospital statistics, 1960-87	106
8.2	Health expenditures, 1960-90	106
8.3	Health status, 1961-86	108
8.4	Health expenditures and the macroeconomic context, 1975-90	116

Greece

11.1	Expenditure on health care, 1987-91	157
11.2	Sources of revenue of the health care system	157
11.3	Services covered by selected insurance funds	158

Iceland

12.1	Number of inhabitants per active health worker, 1981 and 1989	169
12.2	Satisfaction with performance of health services, 1985 and 1990	174
12.3	Relative increase in health care costs, 1980-88	176
12.4	Distribution of health care costs, 1980 and 1988	177

Japan

14.1	Medical facilities by type of establishment, 1991	208
14.2	Medical facilities per 1 000 inhabitants	208
14.3	Physicians and dentists per 1 000 inhabitants	209
14.4	Medical expenditure per person, 1991	212
14.5	Specific goals of the Gold Plan to improve health care and welfare services for the elderly	214
14.6	Number of medical institutions, 1970-91	215
14.7	Number of participants in public health care insurance schemes, 1984-91	216
14.8	Percentage of insured eligible for HSSA, by insurance scheme, 1986-91	216
14.9	National medical expenditure, 1970-93	217
14.10	Distribution of medical expenditure by payer, 1970-91	217
14.11	Distribution of national medical expenditure by source of financing, 1970-91	218
14.12	Distribution of national medical expenditure by type of facility	218

New Zealand

16.1	Distribution of funding by categories of total health care expenditure	235
16.2	Distribution of vote: health funding	236

Portugal

18.1	Health institutions	252
18.2	Medical and nursing staff	252
18.3	Hospital activity	252
18.4	Ambulatory activity	253
18.5	Selected outcomes	253
18.6	Public expenditure on health as a proportion of total public expenditure and GDP, 1960-90	254
18.7	Total expenditure on health, 1970-92	256

18.8	Physicians in private practice, 1988	260
18.9	Private health sector, diagnosis and therapeutic technologies, 1988	260
18.10	Private health expenditures of families by income levels	261
<i>Sweden</i>		
19.1	Share of inpatient days by age group in somatic acute-care hospitals	272
19.2	Total and public expenditure as a percentage of gross domestic product, 1960-90	273
<i>Turkey</i>		
21.1	Adjusted infant mortality rates, 1985-87	303
21.2	Hospitals, 1992	304
21.3	Human resources for health, 1991	305
21.4	Provision and financing of health services	307
21.5	Aggregate sources of funding for health services, 1991	307
21.6	Total health expenditure by category of services, 1987	308
21.7	Ministry of Health funding sources, 1984-89	308
21.8	SSK health premium income and health expenditure	308
21.9	The SSK insured population, 1989-91	309
21.10	The Bag-Kur insured population, 1984-88	309
21.11	Funding of GERF, 1984-88	309

List of Figures

<i>Australia</i>		
6.1	The health dollar, 1982/83	59
6.2	Financing of health care, 1990	65
6.3	The health dollar, 1989/90	66
<i>Austria</i>		
7.1	Providers of health care services	81
7.2	The health care system	91
<i>Canada</i>		
8.1	Financing of health care	111
<i>Denmark</i>		
9.1	Major services and financial flows in the health care system	124
<i>Finland</i>		
10.1	Finance and production of public health services up to 1993	134
10.2	Finance and production of public health services from the beginning of 1993	135
<i>Greece</i>		
11.1	The health care system	156
<i>Iceland</i>		
12.1	Doctors according to age and sex, 1993	170
12.2	SSSI annual expenditures on drugs, 1984-92	172
12.3	Proportion of the population seeking outpatient services in 1990, by type of service	173
12.4	Public expenditure on health care as a percentage of GDP, by category of service, 1983-92	177
<i>Italy</i>		
13.1	The health care system before the 1978 reform after the Law N. 386, 17/8/1974	182
13.2	Major services and financial flows in the present health care system	185
<i>Japan</i>		
14.1	The health care system	207
14.2	Structure of the health services for the aged	211

New Zealand

16.1 The health care system, 1980	227
16.2 The health care system, 1992	229
16.3 Organisation of the health sector, 1993	238

Sweden

19.1 The health care system	267
-----------------------------------	-----

Switzerland

20.1 The health care system	287
20.2 Sources of health insurance revenues, 1991	288
20.3 Cumulative distribution of households by their share of taxable income paid in premiums, 1993	289
20.4 The role of government in the organisation of the health care system	290
20.5 Health-care system financing sources, 1990	292
20.6 Sources of health care expenditure financing, 1975-90	293

United States

22.1 The health insurance coverage, 1990	318
22.2 The health dollar, 1990	322