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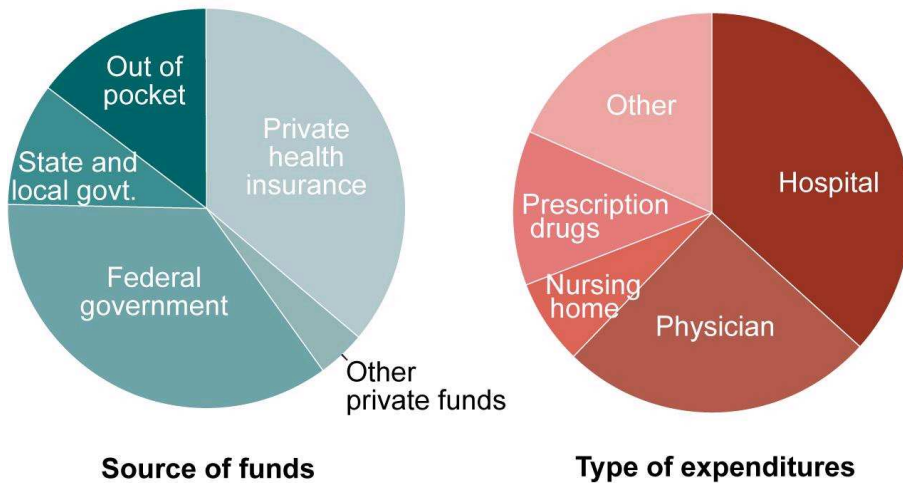
Randall Hoven

"There are, however, no examples of successful health care based on the principles of the free market, for one simple reason: in health care, the free market just doesn't work."

- Paul Krugman.

Personal health care expenditures, 2006

Expenditures \$1.8 trillion



SOURCES: CDC/NCHS, *Health, United States, 2008*, Figure 19. Data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

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Number of health insurance mandates (coverage requirements) required by state legislatures in the US: over 1,900. (Source: [Council for Affordable Health Insurance](#).)

Estimated annual cost of health care regulations (2004): \$169 billion. (Source: [Cato Institute](#).)

Estimated annual [savings](#) of nationwide medical tort reform: \$54 billion. (Source: Senate Majority Leader [Harry Reid](#), quoting the CBO.)

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