



## Healthcare: Today and Tomorrow

Robert McMillan, the first non-physician on the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association for six years and a Director of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield for eleven years, has a unique perspective about our nation's largest industry. With current annual expenditures over \$2.5 trillion, healthcare spending is expected to double in the next ten years.

The presentation starts with the reality that there are 30 or more million Americans who do not have any healthcare coverage and millions more who have inadequate coverage. But, who are the uninsured? From there, Mr. McMillan goes through the history of healthcare coverage in the United States and what the world's finest medicine has meant to the citizens of this country.

Next, he covers the origins of healthcare insurance, the growing shortage of nurses, doctors, and the challenges we face in trying to fix the system. Will we head to "single" payer like in England and Canada?

The presentation goes into detail about the interests involved in passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; the timeline for implementation; and The Supreme Court's ruling that the law passed by the Congress was not a mandate -- but was a tax. Mr. McMillan also takes us beyond coverage for the uninsured and takes a look at other healthcare issues impacting the future health of all Americans.