Insuring National Health Care: The Canadian Experience

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Canada has a health insurance system that is governed by different provinces independently. Some provinces have their own health system and provide the medical card. However, the local covers are often insufficient and do not cover the other provinces. For this reason, all foreign students in Canada are highly recommended to purchase a private health insurance that will cover them completely during their stay in the whole Canada. Swisscare provides a private health insurance that is insured locally in Canada through Ingle. The product is recognized by the local authorities and insured through Universal health care systems vary according to the degree of government involvement in providing care and/or health insurance. In some countries, such as the UK, Spain, Italy, Australia, and the Nordic countries, the government has a high degree of involvement in the commissioning or delivery of health care services and access is based on residence rights, not on the purchase of insurance. Others have a much more pluralistic delivery system, based on obligatory health with contributory insurance rates related to salaries or income and usually funded by employers and beneficiaries jointly. Å Insuring national health care: the Canadian experience. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. pp. 96â€“130. ISBN 978-0-8078-1934-0.