Presentation Objectives

• Review the federal government’s role in the U.S. healthcare system
• Describe the roles state and local government in the U.S. healthcare system
• Identify the roles of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government
• Articulate the role of ‘fourth branch’ in U.S. government
• Relate the Affordable Care Act to the policymaking process described above
Government Involvement in Healthcare

• High compared to other industries in U.S.
• Low compared to other industrialized countries
• Historical role of government
  – Sanitation
  – Communicable disease
Government Pays for Almost Half in U.S.

Source of Funding for Health Care Expenditures, 2016

- Federal government, 28.30%
- State and local governments, 16.90%
- Households, 28.10%
- Private business, 19.90%
- Other private revenues, 6.70%

Government as Payer

- Federal
  - Medicare
  - Share of Medicaid & SCHIP

- State
  - Medicaid
  - SCHIP

- Local
  - Hospital taxing districts
  - Voter-approved health care district
Government as Regulator

• Federal
  – Testing and approval of pharmaceuticals
  – Access to emergency care (EMTALA)

• State
  – Certificate of Need (CON)
  – Regulates health insurance companies
  – Licenses physicians, nurses, hospitals

• Local
  – Water supplies and waste disposal
  – Food inspections
Government as Provider

• Federal
  – Veterans Health Administration and Tricare
  – Indian Health Service
• State
  – Community health centers (CHC)
  – FQHC
  – The health care “safety net”
  – State hospitals
• Local/County
  – Example: Jackson Health System in Miami-Dade

http://therealdeal.com/miami/blog/2013/11/06/miami-dade-oks-jackson-health-system-funding/
Other Government Roles

- Health care research
- General medical education (GME)
- Federal tax subsidy for employer-based insurance
Three Branches of Government

- The Legislative Branch
  - Creates the legislation
  - Oversight of law
- The Executive Branch
  - Regulation of law
  - Administration of program financing
- The Judicial Branch
  - Interprets of the law
Fourth Branch of Government

- Special interests
- Media
- Public
Example: ACA

- Most important legislation of our generation(s): Affordable Care Act
- Legislation
- Regulation
- Judiciary
Conclusion

• Very complex
• Multiple levels
• Many stakeholders
• Government deeply involved in U.S. health care system