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FACTORS AFFECTING PUERTO RICO'S HEALTH CARE

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Factors

1. Demographic Changes (Age And Population Distribution)
2. Economic Factors (Poverty And Unemployment)
3. Constant Financial Pressures On Providers And Insurance Agents
4. Exodus of Health Professionals
5. New Technological And Clinical Advances
6. Modern Methods For Diagnosis And Treatment

Cont. Factors

7. New laws and Mandates Complicating Services And Increasing Costs
8. Constant Increases on Medication Costs
9. Globalization of certain diseases (ex. Infectious)
10. Indifference towards prevention and change in Lifestyles
11. All these and many more

Specific Demographic Changes

	2010	2018
• General Population	3.7 million	3.2 million
• Geriatric Population > 65 years	546,884	658,750
• Pediatric Population < 15 years	727,842	523,966

Health Professional Resources

	2006	2018
• Physicians	14,000	9,000
• Nurses		
• General Surgeons		
• Pediatricians		

Health Care Trends for the Future

- **Dramatic changes in technology: Robotics, telemedicine, nanomedicine, information technology, etc.**
- **Advances in new methods of treatment: New Generation of medications, organs transplants, human genome, stem cells, bioengineering, etc.**

The Financial Situation

1. Health Reform Plan depends mainly on Medicaid monies, yet has a cap by law. - It is about 60% less than any state.
2. Medicare and Medicare Advantage Program. – It is about 40% less than any other state
3. Inequalities with health professionals – same required training as a in the mainland-same equivalent professional licenses to practice, yet: They are treated differently.

Hospital Contribution to our Economy

- 45,000 direct and indirect jobs
- \$5 billion dollars yearly
- Average of \$35,000 per year in salaries to employees, without including physicians

And so what's Next?

THE ANSWER: IT is not easy.....

Conclusion

Please understand that the problems are not the hospitals, the physicians, not even the insurance companies.

The problem is: LACK OF MONIES



Thank you

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