

Healthcare Facts

- 1) Top boss at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (Daniel Loepp, CEO) earned \$19M in 2018.
- 2) The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) reports that Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) cases reached an all time high in 2018. Newborn deaths from congenital syphilis rose 22% from 2017-2018.
- 3) 137 million Americans are struggling with medical debt. Medical emergencies beyond our ability to pay can happen to any of us at any time.
- 4) Young growing Susquehanna County families can have to pay as much as \$18,000 a year for healthcare insurance if their jobs do not cover them.
- 5) All of the current Democratic candidates for president think that our costly healthcare system has to be revised to provide universal coverage. They believe healthcare is a human right.
- 6) President Trump does not have a healthcare plan. He wishes to render the Affordable Care Act moot and the case now in the courts is on its way to doing just that.
- 7) Before the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) patients with pre-existing conditions were not able to get healthcare insurance and only minor children could be covered under their parents healthcare plans.
- 8) Despite having the highest per capita health care spending in the world, Americans are "more likely to die before age 65 than people in other countries." "Their children, too, are less likely to live as long." Stephen Woolf, Journal of the American Medical Association. The average life expectancy in the U.S. has been on the decline for three consecutive years breaking the rising 1959-2014 trend.
- 9) Rural hospitals like those in Susquehanna County rely heavily on Medicare and Medicaid for their very existence.
- 10) Obstetric and gynecological care is non-existence in Susquehanna County.
- 11) The shocking fact is that the maternal mortality rate is rising in the U.S.