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One potential option to look at to keep a single payer/universal health care program affordable is to look at all the different types of treatments for a single disease, injury, or diagnosis. A single disease could have six completely different types (options) of treatments for a patient that may all be equally effective but substantially different in cost. The same can be said about the numerous medical devices for a single type of injury or health issue. A single payer/universal health care type program may decide to only cover the lowest costing but most effective treatment(s) which would lead to a significant amount of savings. The program may also look at if the treatment will truly extend the person's life or comfort any more than other treatments of no treatment at all. A program may decide not to cover hip replacement for someone in their 90's. The public could then choose to purchase additional/supplemental health insurance that covers everything that the single payer/universal health care program does not cover. Several countries around the world use this model to keep their universal health care costs down.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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