

Insurance English: Health Insurance in the U.S.

You don't have to follow U.S. politics to know that President Obama made a lot of campaign promises about health care in the last U.S. election. The biggest problems that Americans have with health care is that many are uninsured: they don't have health insurance. And health insurance is very expensive.

Today, I'm going to talk about health insurance in the U.S. from my perspective: experiences I have had, and experiences in my family.

Before You Start the Recording

It seems that many of my students know a lot more about the U.S. than I expect. So, it's possible you already know a lot about this topic. Take a moment to think about the things you know about health insurance in the U.S. What have you heard? Or read?

And now, start the recording.

After You've Listened to the Recording

How well does what I've described match what you already knew? How is health insurance organized in your country? Is it mandatory? Are the premiums connected to risky behaviors? Do you think that the system in your country is 'fair'? What about the system in the U.S.?