America Is Not Getting Good Value for Its Health Dollar

The U.S. spends more money per person on health than any other country, but our lives are shorter—by nearly four years—than expected based on health expenditures.

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Does not include countries with populations smaller than 500,000. Data are for 2003.

*Per capita health expenditures in 2003 U.S. dollars, purchasing power parity