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PREFACE

The American Medical Association presents herewith, for those who are especially interested in reading in the field of medical economics, a number of abstracts of articles on health insurance, state medicine and the cost of medical care published during the past five or ten years in various publications. The abstracts have been prepared by the Bureau of Medical Economics and the abstracting department of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

INTRODUCTION

In the selection of books and articles to be summarized, an effort has been made to consider impartiality, accessibility and diversity of information, and no attempt has been made to present a complete bibliography. Such a bibliography would include hundreds of titles for almost every system, and thousands for some of the older and most frequently discussed.

Preference in selection has been given to works dealing with medical service and to professional and patient relations under insurance. There are many official and semiofficial documents in all insurance countries and the insurance carriers publish a mass of reports, journals and other material, all of which must be consulted in any thorough study of the subject.' Such publications are accessible in so few localities that generally they have not been included, nor can they in most instances be satisfactorily summarized. Miscellaneous Contributions on the Costs of Medical Care:

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