

# Paying a Premium for Insurance

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**Quote**

“ "Also keep in mind that government spending, especially on health care programs, tends to be much higher than anticipated. "When Medicare was launched in 1965," note Cato Institute policy analysts Michael Tanner and Chris Edwards, "Part A was projected to cost \$9 billion by 1990, but ended up costing \$67 billion. When Medicaid's special hospitals subsidy was added in 1987, it was supposed to cost \$100 million annually, but it already cost \$11 billion by 1992." ”

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