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The development and growth of employer-provided health insurance

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Various BLS surveys track the development of health insurance plans provided by employers—from the first plan covering only hospital services in 1798 to the emergence of managed-care plans today. This article tracks the development and growth of employer-provided health insurance, from its beginning as sickness insurance to its current form.

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