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S&P Analysts Address The Prospects For U.S. Health Care.

On March 10, 2016, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services held a webcast on the U.S. health care outlook for 2016 featuring senior analytical leaders of the health insurance, for-profit health care, and not-for-profit health care sub-sectors. Our outlook on these sectors is stable, although either individually or collectively, all areas of health care still face challenges. During the webcast, the audience submitted more questions than we were able to answer in an hour. Many of those questions were about big, cross-sector issues affecting U.S. health care since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act in 2010. The rise of bad debt at some hospitals, the new business models emerging in U.S. health care, the prospects for health insurance sold over ACA exchanges, and the impact of consolidation, were just some of the inquiries we received.

(A replay of the webcast can be found [here](#).)

Here are the answers to these and other questions that were raised during that webcast about the future of U.S. health care.

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