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Health Care Issues in Black America: policies, problems and prospects.

The papers in this collection, written by health professionals and social scientists, cover the comparative health status of American blacks, policy approaches to specific health problems, and the adequacy of governmental response. These well-documented presentations make clear that a huge disparity exists between the health status of blacks and whites and that current policies woefully fail to meet the health care needs of blacks—poor blacks in particular. Recommendations include both specific policy approaches and more general changes in the social milieu to raise black health standards. Although the prose is sometimes dense and convoluted, this volume brings together much useful information for health care specialists, policy makers, and students.—Robert Aken, Univ. of Kentucky Lib., Lexington