

Healthcare (glossary)

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The maintenance and improvement of physical and mental health, especially through the provision of medical services.
(Oxford Dictionaries)

Source(s)

Oxford Dictionaries. s.v. "healthcare." Accessed February 18, 2016.
http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/healthcare

Discussion

The term *healthcare* generally sometimes is used to refer only to the improvement of physical or mental health; i.e. to the delivery of medical care after there is an issue. This broader definition was chosen to encompass preventive approaches to healthcare as well.

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