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This month's special theme is health financing. In an editorial, Guy Carrin et al. (818) give an overview of the key issues in financing health. A second editorial by Prerna Banati and Jean-Paul Moatti (820) examines the positive contributions of global health initiatives. The cover presents a classic public health poster on WHO's involvement in training personnel to provide health services to communities in need.

Public health classic
Jacky Mathonnat (905–906) revisits the 1965 article by Herbert A Klarman on the need for government financing of health care.

User fees
Mylene Lagarde and Natasha Palmer (839–848) assess how fees affect the use of health services in low- and middle-income countries.

Taxes and aid
Phusit Prakongsai et al. (898–901) look at various ways in which countries can secure resources for the health sector.

Risks of receiving aid
Eleonora Cavagnero et al. (864–870) consider the macroeconomic effect on low-income countries that receive large amounts of aid for health.

Debt relief and health
M Kaddar and E Furrer (877–883) ask whether debt relief results in more funds for health and a reduction in poverty.

Ready for change
This year’s Nobel economics laureate Paul Krugman (828) says in an interview that the US public is ready for health system reform.

Devolution for health
In an interview, economics professor Michael Tharakan (829) discusses the development of health financing since colonial times.

Health promotion
Dorjsuren Bayarsaikhan (896–897) discusses the use of health promotion and its funding.

Out-of-pocket payments
Adam Leive and Ke Xu (849–856) find that many Africans have to borrow and sell assets to pay for health care.

Roundtable discussion