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The health sector encompasses a very large canvas, including not just health care services but also allied services that contribute to health, such as water supply and sanitation, as well as determinants of health such as food security, secure employment, gender equity, education, housing, and a clean environment. However, for the purposes of this chapter, we limit ourselves to health care services in order to focus the analysis on the ownership and management systems that operate them and the extent to which these systems can be considered “alternatives to privatization”.