

Z- CH # 16

ON-LINE CONTENT (1H)

Review the You tube video “Why Medical Bills in the US are so expensive” on this website <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NvnOUcG-ZI> and place your answers to the following questions in the Z-CH # 16 drop box by 0800 on March 16, 2023.

In order to receive full credit (1H class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by the due date/time assigned. Any assignment not completed in its entirety will result in missed class time.

1. What are the most common ways individuals use to raise money for healthcare costs not covered by insurance? What are your thoughts on using social media to raise money for healthcare costs? What are some of the costs not covered by insurance?
Common ways individuals raise money not covered by insurance is through fundraising sights like “gofundme”. I feel like it's a good thing people have an alternative like social media to turn to in order to help cover costs, but I don't think it's right that this is what it's come to and some people may not be able to afford life saving procedures. Some costs not covered by insurance are things like parking at the hospital and medications.
2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?
Physicians, shareholders, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies and hospitals.
3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer? Everyone started to think of health care as a business where metrics were profit, return on investment, efficiency. I do not believe these are appropriate metrics for the healthcare system. Hospitals are supposed to be a place where anyone can go to receive help and be revolved around the patients, not money.
4. Explain what “unbundling” is? Unbundling is charges on a bill that are extra fees included within the entire bill.
5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?
If I were able to build a healthcare system from scratch I would make the costs friendly for all individuals to receive care and improve the efficiency of the hospital to cut costs while still paying decent wages to the staff.