

Z- CH # 16

ON-LINE CONTENT (1H) Hall

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?** The most common way people raise money not covered by healthcare costs is go fund me. I think that it is a smart way to get it out to as many people as possible. It's not ideal for the person seeking help it makes them look vulnerable and puts their business out to the world just to get the care they need to live. Some costs not covered by insurance include parking at the hospital during a stay, medications, healthcare equipment at home and ambulance rides.
- 2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?** The entities fighting for monetary payment include physicians, shareholders, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and insurance companies.
- 3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer?** The metrics used to judge hospital include profit return on investment and efficiency. I do not think these are appropriate metrics as it leads to more time on the computer documenting so bills can be disbursed rather than face to face time with the patient to figure out what is going on. This also leads to more diagnostic testing being done even if nothing comes back on it just to get the full picture with less information from the patient and higher hospital bills to the patient.
- 4. Explain what “unbundling” is?** Unbundling is a set about of money that your charged walking into a visit then there are other codes to add onto the bill that are based on your medical problem and interventions done.
- 5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?**

I would put into policy that the system must be for nonprofit, there should be regulations what a medication can cost, and it cannot skyrocket over 24 hours. I would also create more urgent cares around cities to make healthcare more accessible without overfilling the hospital. New Amsterdam on Netflix shows the reality of the healthcare world and how the industry is not for the patients but rather for profits, creating change needs to start with the patients and giving them the services, they need rather than worrying about the bill. If other countries can produce a high level of quality of care at a lower price, why can't we.