Z- CH # 16

ON-LINE CONTENT (1H)

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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.

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?

Some of the most common ways individuals use to raise money for healthcare cost is asking for help from the community by making GoFundme accounts and fundraisers such as selling dinners, t-shirts, etc. I think using social media to raise funds for healthcare cost is beneficial in many cases but also, we shouldn't have to resort to the community to ask for help with healthcare cost. Some of the cost not covered by insurance is cosmetic procedures such as plastic surgery, fertility treatments and off label prescriptions that aren't tested and approved for specific disorders.

2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?

Physicians, Shareholders, Insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and patients.

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 hospitals are profits, return on investments and efficiency. I don't think that these metrics are the only things that should be used to judge hospitals. The metrics should include things such as length of stay, readmissions, patient satisfaction, hospitalization incidents such as CAUTI, sepsis, PE, etc because these measurements are purposeful and provide information on a hospitals ability to provide quality care to patients.

4. Explain what "unbundling" is?

Unbundling is when there are extra fees added to a patient's total bill. The patient is charged based off their hospital visit which is tracked by different codes. These codes are a billing construct that is based on treatment, supplies, etc and they all represent a different price.

5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?

If I had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, I would allow healthcare to be free for everyone no matter their socioeconomical status. There would still be options for private insurances for the ones who can afford it, but I think everyone deserves good quality patient care.