

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?

Some of the most common ways individuals use to raise money for healthcare costs are GoFundMe and Facebook. I think that it is smart to use GoFundMe, because anyone can donate to help, whether its \$5 or \$100. It is sad, but smart. People can't afford treatment and need it, so they must resort to something. A few costs not covered by insurance are drugs, supplies, and multiple ambulance rides.

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

All the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided are etna, sigma, Medicare, and Medicaid, the government, the hospitals, the department of health and the department of labor.

3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer?

Metrics used to judge hospitals are profit return on investment and efficiency. I do not think these are appropriate metrics for they are not focusing on healthcare itself. A lot of doctors are running extra tests to avoid being sued, and bills are getting longer, and healthcare isn't getting better according to the video. I think it would be smart to judge hospitals on the healthcare provided not on the profit the hospital makes.

4. Explain what “unbundling” is?

Unbundling is the billing system used in hospitals. It is all the charges that a patient accumulates for their stay. It is done through a complex system of codes used for every visit, health issue, wound size, supply used, etc. Different codes mean different prices. Documentation is used to see what was used for each patient and in each situation.

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 healthcare system from scratch, I would lower prices and reduce costs of certain items by not allowing one company to create a monopoly. In the video they talked about one company making a certain drug, I would make sure multiple companies could make the drug, so the price lowers. I would also make sure the hospitals are efficient and using evidence-based practice- to keep costs low. I would try to model our system off whatever country is doing the best currently health care system wise.