

**Unit 6: Economics of Health Care**  
**Z-Chapter 16**  
**ONLINE CONTENT (1 H)**

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Review the YouTube 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 14, 2024**.

- 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?**

Individuals use platforms like GoFundMe, community fundraisers, charity auctions, personal loans, and payment plans. I think it's a great ideal to use social media to raise money for healthcare cost. Cost not cover by insurance, cosmetic surgery, alternative therapies, fertility treatments, travel vaccinations.

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

Doctors, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, shareholders, and insurance companies.

**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 operations, financial performance, patient experience, clinical quality, and outcomes. These are appropriate metrics because each metric help to evaluate the quality of services provided by hospitals and can inform improvements in healthcare delivery.

- 4. Explain what “unbundling” is?**

Unbundling in healthcare refers to the practice of using multiple procedure codes to bill for the individual parts of a single comprehensive procedure, which is normally covered by a single Current Procedural Terminology code.

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

I would ensure that every individual has access to healthcare services without financial hardship.

Shift the emphasis from treating illness to preventing it. Treat mental health with the same urgency and resources as physical health, integrating mental health services into primary care settings. Implement mechanisms for health care cost controlling costs.

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