

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

**Unit Objectives:**

- Define economics and health care economics. (5,7)\*
- Use a basic knowledge of health care economics to analyze trends in the health care delivery system. Explain and apply the five rights of delegation in nursing practice. (5,7)\*

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**Review Chapter 16 and 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 3/13/2025.**

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 will turn to fundraising such as go fund me for example. I personally think that using social media to raise money for medical costs can help a lot. I know people personally who have used it and it helped tremendously. Some medications and parking at the hospital, ambulance rides as well are not covered by insurance.**
2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided? **Hospitals, insurance companies, patients, pharmaceutical companies, Medicare, and Medicaid**
3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer? **Patient outcomes, satisfaction scores, readmission rates, and infection rates. I don't think these are appropriate metrics. I don't think they are because some of these things are subjective to the patient, and they may be influenced by different factors not related to their specific care.**
4. Explain what “unbundling” is? **Unbundling refers to charging separately for each service. This can lead to higher costs for the patients to cover.**
5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently? **I would try and make it so that everyone has access to affordable healthcare. I would also make sure that patients know the prices of things and make it clear to them, so they are not caught off guard when getting a bill in the mail.**

***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.***