

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?
Most common ways are fundraising, for example Go fund me. I think it can really help a lot of families who are in need, but then you have the couple people who ruin it for everyone else by faking a sickness to get money. Some medications, brand new procedures/treatments, transportation to/from hospital, parking fees, and lodging.
2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?
Providers, facilities, 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 are things like readmission rates, patient satisfaction, length of stay, and how many deaths there are at the hospital. I think the patient satisfaction metric is up in the air because patients have a wide array of opinions on their care, because you could have two of the same diagnoses and plan of care for two patients, one might like the plan and the other might hate it.
4. Explain what “unbundling” is?
This means to bill many different things of a procedure when you can just bill the procedure all together to make it more of a cost to a patient.
5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?
I personally think it’s a human right to have healthcare free or at a very low cost. I would also make the Medicaid income cut-off at least \$1500 per pay check because many people aren’t even making a livable wage and still don’t qualify for Medicaid. Then I would take away how some insurance companies don’t cover pre-existing conditions.

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.