

**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?
  - Medical Campaigns (i.e., GoFundMe, etc.)
  - Personally, I don't see anything wrong with using social media to raise money for healthcare cost being that America is one of the few countries to charge individuals in regard to receiving medical care. We are a greedy country and it's kind of disgusting that medical care is deemed somewhat of a luxury.
  - Food during your hospital stay, Room & Board, Parking, etc.
2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?
  - Physicians
  - Hospitalists
  - Pharmaceutical Companies
  - Shareholders
  - Insurance Companies
3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals, and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer?
  - Healthcare Spending v. Life Expectancy
  - Personally, I don't think this is an accurate depiction being that there is a plethora of factors that impacts life expectancy (i.e., sedentary lifestyle, environmental factors, socioeconomic factors, etc.). So, to group an extreme number of individuals together without considering the fine details can lead to certain groups being overlooked and/or outlier-ed from the collective as a whole.
4. Explain what “unbundling” is?
  - This is all the “extra” charges that can be squeezed into one's medical bill.
5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?

- Initially, I would make the healthcare system in America Universal. Being that, right now we partake in a Mixed System of Public/Private. This ultimately would provide all citizens of the United States with access to quality healthcare services without the extreme financial burden that comes with medical/healthcare in today's society. This really is all that I would do and truthfully is the only thing that needs to be done when it comes to healthcare in America. Removing Corporate America from healthcare would be extremely beneficial. Now I'm gonna go on a tangent, this problem is deeper than healthcare if we want to get technical. America runs on a huge agenda (i.e., Capitalistic Campaigning, etc.) for example one of the big health issues that we deal with in America is Obesity, in comparison to other countries. Americans are fat and I don't blame "we the people", for being consumers, I blame the disgusting capitalistic individuals that contribute to the problem (i.e., McDonalds, etc.). Also, being that we as a country, make it somewhat impossible to access healthy foods due to the substantial difference in cost compared to inorganic and/or "fast" "on-the-go" foods. This all revert back to an individual socioeconomic status. For example, the government has allowed food insecurities/deserts to plague lower income communities. East Cleveland is a prime example of this, "white flight" (a large-scale migration of white people from areas that are becoming more racially diverse) took businesses (i.e., grocery stores, etc.) with them when then moved/created suburbs and left the less fortunate, typically minorities behind. These migrations ultimately created communities of concentrated poverty with limited access to quality food and groceries, forcing the lower socioeconomic individuals to eat, processed food with poor nutritional values. All this to say, healthier food, individuals, etc., equates to higher monetary value. The system is implemented by the government coinciding with Corporate America in hopes to pollute society with their Capitalistic Campaigns and push negative/unhealthy development, which results in health problems that ultimately benefit America's financial income due to the drastic increase within healthcare treatment(s) which ultimately are coming from UNHEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES THAT STEM FROM LOW SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. Thanks for reading my TEDTalk ;)

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