

**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?

Some of the most common ways people raise money is by starting a GoFundMe and fundraisers. I think social media is a great asset to raise money for healthcare costs because it allows people from around the world to learn about the individual’s story and decide if they want to contribute. The more people it reaches likely the more money to be donated. As far as things that aren’t covered by insurance include hospital parking, deductables, co-pays, and long term car.

2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided? Insurance companies, government programs, hospital organization, CEO, doctors, specialists, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, therapists, etc.

3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer? Some metrics include: patient outcomes, patient safety, readmission rates, patient satisfaction, staffing and patient ratios, accreditation, and financial performance. I think the metrics are appropriate because they provide a view of how well hospitals function both clinically, operationally, and financially.

4. Explain what “unbundling” is? the practice of breaking down a single healthcare service into multiple, individual components for billing purposes, rather than charging for it as a bundled or comprehensive service.

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

I would aim for a patient-centered, efficient, and sustainable system. It would prioritize universal access to high-quality care while addressing key issues such as affordability, prevention, and technological advancement. I think uncontrollable health issues should be almost 100% covered by insurance. Patients that are insured should still get a discount just like the uninsured patients. In healthcare today it seems insured patients are punished and have to pay more for being insured.

***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.***