

**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?
  - Fundraising, some people will hold in person fundraising for a cause or person, some with use go fund me, you can also set up private accounts to donate straight to a bank.
  - I feel if people are really in need of financial help, social media is the quickest place to really people for a cause.
  - Cosmetic surgeries are not covered by insurance.
2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?
  - These are external companies that are just out to do a job and get payments, these billing, coders, etc have nothing to do with the healthcare side of things.
3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer?
  - Hospitals are judged by patient outcomes, efficiency, financial performance, readmission rates, length of stay, patient satisfaction, staffing ratios, wait times.
4. Explain what “unbundling” is?
  - Charges for a service individually. For example a hospital will be you for the hospital supplies, they physician that treated you will bill you, lab will bill you, radiology will bill you. Instead of just one hospital bill it will be all kinds of fees individually to make of one astronomical bill.
5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?
  - There without a doubt has to be a charge for care, but there are so many faults in the healthcare system. One thing that really bothers me is that for some prescriptions insurance will want an explanation for why a medication was prescribed. I feel like if it was prescribed by a physician, I don’t know what place and insurance company has in declining a medication for someone. If a doctor did not feel a patient didn’t need it they would not have prescribed it. People should not be waiting months to get a simple CT scan due to waiting on insurance approval.

*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.*