

**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)\*

\*Course Objectives

**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?
  1. GoFundMe had 1/3 campaigns go toward medical expenses.
2. What are your thoughts on using social media to raise money for healthcare costs?
  1. Using social media can be a good tool when you are unable to pay for medical bills, but one should not rely solely from other people's money when paying off debts.
3. What are some of the costs not covered by insurance?
  1. Parking at the hospital and some medications were not being paid for by insurance for the patients showed in the video.
2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?
  1. Doctors, shareholders, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and insurance companies.
3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer?
  1. The metrics used to judge hospitals are profit, ROI, and efficiency of patient care times. I think they are appropriate ways to judge hospitals as a business, but they shouldn't be the first metrics that should be looked at when correlating how well patient care is. The patient should always come first.
4. Explain what “unbundling” is?

1. Charges to ones medical bill by adding small amounts of charges onto the primary treatment such as extra medical supplies, tools, and medications by using codes. Codes are can be unique to where a cut is on your body and can charge you more even if the cut was on your arm compared to someone's hand, even if they treat it with the same supplies.
- 
5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?
    1. I would make sure all hospitals remained public companies so that for profit companies couldn't take over and make hospitals into a business more than places to go when you are in need of help. I would also make sure shareholders and investors weren't able to have insight on changes in patient care unless they also work in the medical field or have previous years of expertise. I would also make sure all treatments are the same price instead of charging whatever amount of money based on how much insurance covers your treatment.

***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.***