

Z- CH # 16

ON-LINE CONTENT (1.5H)

- 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?
  - o Go fund me accounts are a new way people raise money. Families and friends can post the reason they are creating the go fund me account on social media, and people who want to donate for the cause are able to do so. I feel that using social media to raise money for healthcare costs is a bright idea. Healthcare cost are so expensive today, so why not let the people who are able to spare help you out. Families have raised over thousands of dollars through this social media app. Medicare does cover a wide range of care, however it doesn't cover everything. Dental care, eye exams, hearing aids, cosmetic surgeries, and long-term care is not covered.
- Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?
  - o Physicians, shareholders, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and insurance companies.
- What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer?
  - o Everyone started thinking of healthcare as a business where the metrics were profit, return on investment, and efficiency. These are not the metrics of health, but this is how hospitals are being judged today. I do not feel these are the appropriate metrics. Healthcare should not be seen as a business more so than an organization to provide people with the care they *need*.
- Explain what "unbundling" is?
  - o Unbundling is when addition charges are added on to the original price. For example, if you buy a plane ticket for \$200, but by the time bag check charges are added on etc. you've now spent \$300.
- If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?
  - o If I had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, I would spend less time focusing on the computers and billing, and make employees focus more on patient care and face to face interaction. After watching the video "Why medical bills in the US are so

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expensive” it almost made me feel like we are more interested in billing them and taking their money than we are interested in the care or maybe even helping mourning families.