

Week 1 Discussion: Current Healthcare Issues

The purpose of this discussion post is to describe a national healthcare issue, how it impacts the work setting, the social determinants that affect the healthcare issue and the respond of the health system.

The issue i selected for my discussion is escalating healthcare cost. Escalating cost is a major stressor in healthcare. Healthcare costs have been rising gradually for decades, and this trend is not going to change any time soon. All facets of the healthcare system are impacted by this problem, including patients, providers, and insurance. Healthcare providers and the services they may offer may be directly impacted by the rising cost of healthcare (Palumbo et al., 2017). This may involve a rise in administrative work, a decline in funding, and a restriction on access to care. Moreover, longer wait times for appointments, restricted access to care, and diminished services could all be consequences of growing expenses that result in diminishing patient satisfaction.

A number of variables, including aging populations, ineffective new technologies, and ineffective administrative practices, are mostly to blame for the rising expense of healthcare. Furthermore, the difficulty in obtaining affordable care, particularly in rural and underserved areas, contributes to the rising cost of healthcare. This deficiency in access is frequently brought on by financial hardship, a lack of insurance and restricted access to high-quality care (Poghosyan et al., 2018). Due to people going to emergency rooms rather than primary care providers, lack of access to care can also result in higher costs. The social determinants that most affect the rising cost of healthcare are poverty, lack of access to care, and lack of insurance coverage. These factors can lead to a lack of access to affordable care, as well as higher costs due to delayed diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and injuries (Norful et al., 2018). Additionally, the lack of access to care can lead to increased costs due to people seeking care in emergency rooms instead of primary care providers.

My health system work environment has made a lot of modifications in response to the rising expense of healthcare. In order to support people who cannot afford care, the health system has first put in place a comprehensive patient financial assistance scheme. Depending on their financial situation and income, this program enables patients to obtain care at a reduced cost or even for free. The organization has also put in place a variety of initiatives to lessen