Delivering Health Care in America: A Systems Approach, 7th Edition

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# New to This Edition

This edition retains some of the main features of the ACA wherever it was important to provide contextual discussions from historical and policy perspectives. Several chapters cover the main provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act which, after a long delay, was finally passed by Congress and signed by President Obama in December 2016.

As in the past, the text has been updated throughout with the latest pertinent data, trends, and research findings available at the time the manuscript was prepared. Copious illustrations in the form of examples, facts, figures, tables, and exhibits continue to make the text come alive. Following is a list of the main additions and revisions:

Chapter 1:

* Updated information on the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) throughout
* Critical global health issues and health care reforms in other countries

Chapter 2:

* Health insurance under the ACA
* Evaluation of achievements made towards the Healthy People 2020 goals
* Information on global pandemics and infectious diseases

Chapter 3:

* Expanded section: Reform of Mental Health Care
* Complete revision of the section: Era of Health Care Reform

Chapter 4:

* Major issues in health care workforce
* Updated information on non-physician providers

Chapter 5:

* New section: Electronic Health Records and Quality of Care
* Global trends in biomedical research and a new table on R&D expenditures
* New section: Drugs from Overseas
* New section: Health Care Reform and Medical Technology.

Chapter 6:

* New section: Private Coverage and Cost under the Affordable Care Act
* New section: Medicaid experiences under the ACA
* New section: Issues with Medicaid
* New section: Long-Term Care Hospital Payment System
* New section: Value-Based Reimbursement discusses MACRA and Medicare Shared Savings Program
* Updated current directions and issues in financing

Chapter 7:

* Research findings using the Primary Care Assessment Tool
* Measurement and achievement of the Patient-Centered Medical Home
* The impact of the community health centers

Chapter 8:

* New section on comparative OECD data on hospital access and utilization
* Comparative hospital prices in selected countries
* New section: Factors that affect hospital employment
* New section: Rise in bad debts.
* New section: State mental health institutions
* Update on physician-owned specialty hospitals
* Medicare designations of Sole Community Hospitals and Medicare Dependent Hospitals
* Patient outcomes at Magnet hospitals
* New section on hospital costs

Chapter 9:

* Any Willing Provider and Freedom of Choice laws under managed care regulations
* The latest on accountable care organizations

Chapter 10:

* New section: Recent policies for community-based services

Chapter 11:

* Updated information on vulnerable subpopulations
* Expanded coverage on the chronically ill

Chapter 12:

* Current issues in health care cost, access, and quality
* Pay-for-performance in health care
* Quality initiatives in both public and private sectors

Chapter 13:

* Current critical policy challenges
* Future health policy issues in both the US and abroad

Chapter 14:

* Almost all sections have been completely updated
* New section: No single payer
* New section: Reforming the reform
* New section: Universal coverage and access
* New section: Toward population health

As in the previous editions, our aim is to continue to meet the needs of both graduate and undergraduate students. We have attempted to make each chapter complete without making it overwhelming for beginners. Instructors, of course, will choose the sections they decide are most appropriate for their courses.

As in the past, we invite comments from our readers. Communications can be directed to either or both authors:

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