**Suggested Answers to Discussion Topics, Chapter 1, The Health Care System**

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| 1a. Students’ answers should include the following:Mr. Williams needs rehabilitation to achieve his maximum level of function and independence. He may be able to go home afterward, or he may require a long-term care facility if he cannot care for himself independently.He may go to a rehabilitation unit that is part of a long-term care facility.1b. Students’ answers should include the following:Because of Mr. Williams’s stay in the hospital and in the facility, he will be discharged to will be paid by Medicare, the nursing assistant is responsible for documenting care given in a certain way.In the long-term care setting, the nursing assistant provides the care and documentation necessary for completion of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) report.Accurate documentation of the degree of skilled care that Mr. Williams requires will assist in determining Medicare reimbursement. | 2, 6 |
| 2a. Students’ responses should include thefollowing:Maintenance staff cares for the facility and equipment.Housekeeping staff keeps the facility clean.Lab workers perform studies and write reports.Pharmacy supplies medications.Physician does the surgery.Dietician provides meals.X-ray people take x-rays and write reports.Social services prepare the patient for discharge.Nurses and nursing assistants provide patient care.2b. Students’ responses should include the following:Mr. Foster may have private insurance or group insurance. The insurance company pays for health care according to the individual policy.If he were 65 years old or older, Medicare would cover his hospital bill.If he has a low income and is not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid might cover his bill.If he does not have private insurance, group insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid, then he would be responsible for the payment of the hospital bill. | 3, 6 |
| 3a. Students’ response should include the following:Mrs. Johnson’s daughter should be assured that the facility is accredited by the Joint Commission evaluated regularly by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This agency is responsible for ensuring that the facility provides care that meets established standards for safety and quality. | 4, 5 |