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QUESTION NO: 1

The government uses various tools within the realm of two broad categories of public policy-allocative policies and regulatory policies. In the context of public policy, laws that fall into the category of allocative policy include

- A. The Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997
- B. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996
- C. Laws affecting health plan quality oversight
- D. Laws specifying procedures for health plan handling of consumer appeals and grievances

ANSWER: A

QUESTION NO: 2

The Sawgrass Health Center is an institution that trains healthcare professionals and performs various clinical and other types of healthcare-related research. Because Sawgrass receives government funding, it is required to provide medical care for the poor. Of the following types of health plans, Sawgrass can best be described as:

- A. A medical foundation
- B. An academic medical center (AMC)
- C. A healthcare cooperative
- D. A community health center (CHC)

ANSWER: B

QUESTION NO: 3

From the following answer choices, choose the term that best corresponds to this description. The SureQual Group is a group of practicing physicians and other healthcare professionals paid by the federal government to review services ordered or furnished by other practitioners in the same medical fields for the purpose of determining whether medical services provided were reasonable and necessary, and to monitor the quality of care given to Medicare patients.

- A. Health insuring organization (HIO)
- B. Independent practice association (IPA)
- C. Physician practice management (PPM) company
- D. Peer review organization (PRO)

ANSWER: D

QUESTION NO: 4

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has delegated its responsibility for development and oversight of regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to an office within the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS). The CMS office that is responsible for enforcing the federal requirements of HIPAA is the

- A. Center for Health Plans and Providers (CHPPs)
- B. Center for Medicaid and State Operations
- C. Center for Beneficiary Services
- D. Center for Managed Care

ANSWER: B

QUESTION NO: 5

The Opal Health Plan complies with all of the provisions of the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996 (NMHPA). Samantha Hill and Debra Chao are Opal enrollees. Ms. Hill was hospitalized for a cesarean birth, and Ms. Chao was hospitalized for a normal delivery. From the following answer choices, select the response that indicates the minimum hospital stay for which Opal, under NMHPA, must provide benefits for Ms. Hill and Ms. Chao.

- A. Ms. Hill: 72 hours; Ms. Chao: 24 hours
- B. Ms. Hill: 72 hours; Ms. Chao: 48 hours
- C. Ms. Hill: 96 hours; Ms. Chao: 24 hours
- D. Ms. Hill: 96 hours; Ms. Chao: 48 hours

ANSWER: D

QUESTION NO: 6

In the paragraph below, a statement contains two pairs of terms enclosed in parentheses.

Determine which term in each pair correctly completes the statement. Then select the answer choice containing the two terms that you have chosen.

Inflation plays a role in the health plan environment by influencing the prices of healthcare services, supplies, and coverage. During an inflationary period, consumers typically have (more / less) purchasing power because the prices of goods and services increase (more / less) quickly than income.

- A. More / more
- B. More / less
- C. Less / more
- D. Less / less

ANSWER: C

QUESTION NO: 7

Antitrust laws can affect the formation, merger activities, or acquisition initiatives of a health plan. In the United States, the two federal agencies that have the primary responsibility for enforcing antitrust laws are the

- A. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ)
- B. Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Department of Defense (DOD)
- C. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Labor (DOL)
- D. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ)

ANSWER: D

QUESTION NO: 8

The following situations illustrate per se violations of federal antitrust laws:

Situation A - Two groups of providers agreed among themselves that each provider will do business with health plans only on a fee-for-service basis.

Situation B - In order to avoid competing with each other, two independent, competing physician-hospital organizations (PHOs) divide the geographic areas in which they will market their services.

From the following answer choices, select the response that correctly identifies the types of per se violations illustrated by these situations.

- A. Situation A: price fixing; Situation B: horizontal division of markets
- B. Situation A: price fixing; Situation B: tying arrangement
- C. Situation A: horizontal group boycott; Situation B: horizontal division of markets
- D. Situation A: horizontal group boycott; Situation B: tying arrangement

ANSWER: A

QUESTION NO: 9

In the paragraph below, a statement contains two pairs of terms enclosed in parentheses. Determine which term in each pair correctly completes the statement. Then select the answer choice containing the two terms that you have chosen.

In the case of *Pacificare of Oklahoma, Inc. v. Burrage*, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit considered whether ERISA preempts medical malpractice claims against health plans based on certain liability theories. In this case, the Tenth Circuit court held that ERISA (should / should not) preempt a liability claim against an HMO for the malpractice of one of its primary care physicians, and therefore the HMO was subject to a claim of (subordinated / vicarious) liability.

- A. Should / subordinated
- B. Should / vicarious
- C. Should not / subordinated
- D. Should not / vicarious

ANSWER: D

QUESTION NO: 10

TRICARE, a military healthcare program, offers eligible beneficiaries three options for healthcare services: TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Extra, and TRICARE Standard. With respect to plan features, both an annual deductible and claims filing requirements must be met, regardless of whether care is delivered by network providers, under

- A. TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Extra only
- B. TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard only
- C. TRICARE Standard only
- D. None of these healthcare options

ANSWER: C