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Evidence Based Practice for Health Professionals is included in the 2015 edition of the essential collection of Doody's Core Titles. Evidence based practice (EBP) has become the standard in health care practice today. Evidence Based Practice for Health Professionals covers the fundamentals of applying medical evidence to clinical practice and discussing research findings with patients and fellow professionals. This essential text explains the basic concepts of EBP, its applications in health care, and how to interpret biostatistics and biomedical research. With examples derived from multiple health professions, Evidence Based Practice for Health Professionals teaches the skills needed to access and interpret research in order to successfully apply it to collaborative, patient-centered health care decisions. Students gain valuable practice with skill-building learning activities, such as explaining the evidence for treatments to patients, developing a standard of care, selecting a diagnostic tool, and designing community-based educational materials. Evidence-Based Practice for Health Professionals also helps prepare students to communicate knowledgeably with members of interprofessional healthcare teams as well as with pharmaceutical sales representatives.

- Covers EBP fundamentals and their application to clinical practice
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- Enables students to develop EBP skills with practical learning activities
- Prepares students to communicate about medical evidence with patients and fellow professionals

INSTRUCTOR RESOURCES

- Instructor's Manual
- PowerPoint Presentations
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Society is now facing challenges for which the traditional management toolbox is increasingly inadequate. Well-grounded theoretical frameworks, such as systems thinking and cybernetics, offer general level interpretation schemes and models that are capable of supporting understanding of complex phenomena and are not impacted by the passage of time. This book serves the knowledge society to address the complexity of decision making and problem solving in the 21st century with contributions from systems and cybernetics. A multi-disciplinary approach has been adopted to support diversity and to develop inter- and trans-disciplinary knowledge within the shared thematic of problem solving and decision making in the 21st century. Its conceptual thread is cyber/systemic thinking, and its realisation is supported by a wide network of scientists on the basis of a highly participative agenda. The book provides a platform of knowledge sharing and conceptual frameworks developed with multi-disciplinary perspectives, which are useful to better understand the fast changing scenario and the complexity of problem solving in the present time.

Joyce Meyer is not satisfied with the status quo. She believes that we each need to become a revolutionary and practice love every day. And if Joyce has her way, the revolution will spread - person by person, house by house, town by town, until the old culture of selfishness and greed gives way to a new culture of concern for others. The book is a revolutionaries' manual, a hands-on primer for bringing the Golden Rule to life in the twenty-first century. Meyer starts out by giving some stunning statistics. Right now...210,000 children will die this week because of poverty; 640 million children do not have adequate shelter; every day, 3,000 children are abducted into the sex-trafficking industry; every day, 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes. She goes on to say that although crisis is global, the solution is local. We can't solve the world's problems, but that isn't a reason to remain idle. LOVE REVOLUTION focuses on

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personal behavior on the local scale. It's not just a call to action; it is a call to being: being the person who goes out of your way to encourage someone who's out of hope; being the one who smiles at a stranger; being the one who is willing to do something for nothing. The paradox: when we do something for nothing, what we often get is something far greater.

Since its publication in 2008, *Managing and Evaluating Healthcare Intervention Programs* has become the premier textbook for actuaries and other healthcare professionals interested in the financial performance of healthcare interventions. The second edition updates the prior text with discussion of new programs and outcomes such as ACOs, Bundled Payments and Medication Management, together with new chapters that include Opportunity Analysis, Clinical Foundations, Measurement of Clinical Quality, and use of Propensity Matching.

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A new and updated version of this best-selling resource! Jones and Bartlett Publisher's 2011 *Nurse's Drug Handbook* is the most up-to-date, practical, and easy-to-use nursing drug reference! It provides: Accurate, timely facts on hundreds of drugs from abacavir sulfate to Zyvox; Concise, consistently formatted drug entries organized alphabetically; No-nonsense writing style that speaks your language in terms you use everyday; Index of all generic, trade, and alternate drug names for quick reference. It has all the vital information you need at your fingertips: Chemical and therapeutic classes, FDA pregnancy risk category and controlled substance schedule; Indications and dosages, as well as route, onset, peak, and duration information; Incompatibilities, contraindications; interactions with drugs, food, and activities, and adverse reactions; Nursing considerations, including key patient-teaching points; Vital features include mechanism-of-action illustrations showing how drugs at the cellular, tissue, or organ levels and dosage adjustments help individualize care for elderly patients, patients with renal impairment, and others with special needs; Warnings and precautions that keep you informed and alert.

The field of long-term care is experiencing significant growth and near-constant change. Older adults and people with disabilities today make up a larger segment of society than ever before, with this shift in demographics comes an increased demand for long-term services and supports. This introductory book examines the various dimensions of long-term care and explores the facets of management essential to success in this evolving environment.

The U.S. healthcare system is now spending many millions of dollars to improve "patient safety" and "inter-professional practice." Nevertheless, an estimated 100,000 patients still succumb to preventable medical errors or infections every year. How can health care providers reduce the terrible financial and human toll of medical errors and injuries that harm rather than heal? *Beyond the Checklist* argues that lives could be saved and patient care enhanced by adapting the relevant lessons of aviation safety and teamwork. In response to a series of human-error caused crashes, the airline industry developed the system of job training and information sharing known as Crew Resource Management (CRM). Under the new industry-wide system of CRM, pilots, flight attendants, and ground crews now communicate and cooperate in ways that have greatly reduced the hazards of commercial air travel. The coauthors of this book sought out the aviation professionals who made this transformation possible. *Beyond the Checklist* gives us an inside look at CRM training and shows how airline staff interaction that once suffered from the same dysfunction that too often undermines real teamwork

in health care today has dramatically improved. Drawing on the experience of doctors, nurses, medical educators, and administrators, this book demonstrates how CRM can be adapted, more widely and effectively, to health care delivery. The authors provide case studies of three institutions that have successfully incorporated CRM-like principles into the fabric of their clinical culture by embracing practices that promote common patient safety knowledge and skills. They infuse this study with their own diverse experience and collaborative spirit: Patrick Mendenhall is a commercial airline pilot who teaches CRM; Suzanne Gordon is a nationally known health care journalist, training consultant, and speaker on issues related to nursing; and Bonnie Blair O'Connor is an ethnographer and medical educator who has spent more than two decades observing medical training and teamwork from the inside.

Project Planning and Management: A Guide for Nurses and Interprofessional Teams, Second Edition serves as a primary resource for students developing and implementing clinical projects as a requirement for course completion.

This thoroughly revised and updated book provides a strategic and operational resource for use in planning and decision-making. The Handbook enables readers to fine-tune operation strategies by providing updates on critical managed care issues, insights to the complex managed care environment, and methods to gain and maintain cost-efficient, high quality health services. With 30 new chapters, it includes advice from managers in the field on how to succeed in every aspect of managed care including: quality management, claims and benefits administration, and managing patient demand. The Handbook is considered to be the standard resource for the managed care industry.

Principles of Risk Management and Patient Safety identifies changes in the industry and describes how these changes have influenced the functions of risk management in all aspects of healthcare. The book is divided into four sections. The first section describes the current state of the healthcare industry and looks at the importance of risk management and the emergence of patient safety. It also explores the importance of working with other sectors of the health care industry such as the pharmaceutical and device manufacturers. Important Notice: The digital edition of this book is missing some of the images or content found in the physical edition.

Through healthcare reform, payment modifications, transparency, and a renewed focus on value, the healthcare industry is changing its organizational structure from one of a multitude of individual entities to one of a system-of-care model. This restructuring and subsequent alignment of information presents new risks and opportunities for physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare providers. Emphasizing effective interactions between physicians and the health system, Physician Alignment: Constructing Viable Roadmaps for the Future examines the different ways physicians and hospitals can create systems to not only survive, but thrive through the changes facing healthcare. It draws on experienced authors in the area of physician purchasing to explain the various integrative models for physicians and hospitals. Provides an accessible introduction to the different types of healthcare delivery models Covers the various types of integration—starting with the simplest and evolving into full employment models with full integration Includes helpful information for doctors considering a transition to physician employment Highlights emerging trends in healthcare Explaining how these systems should be constructed and aligned, the book provides healthcare

organizations with a roadmap for planning for the future. The book concludes with a chapter on accountable care organizations and patient-centered medical homes that moves from the conceptual to administrative embodiments of the principles of an integrated health system as we now know it.

Celebrity trainer and Pilates guru Brooke Siler teams up with the editors of Women's Health to offer a comprehensive, authoritative manual on this proven fitness philosophy. Trained by Joseph Pilates' protégé, Romana Kryzanowska, Brooke is an unparalleled expert and one of the most sought after teachers for her signature body re-shaping techniques. Combining the best of flexibility and strength training, Pilates is the path to the lean fit body every woman craves—and The Women's Health Big Book of Pilates guides readers in every step (and leg lift ...) of the way. Using the body as the ultimate fitness vehicle, Pilates transforms bodies in record time. From moves targeting trouble zones to cardio circuits that blast fat all over, this go-to manual covers everything including: Tricks to incorporate Pilates at work, in travel, and daily routine What props best boost your workout and what to skip Pilates principles to help combat lower back pain, stress, low energy, and more! From basic mat moves to the right foods that fuel a lean, toned figure, The Women's Health Big Book of Pilates is the go-to guide for beginners and experts alike.

This book provides a balanced assessment of pay for performance (P4P), addressing both its promise and its shortcomings. P4P programs have become widespread in health care in just the past decade and have generated a great deal of enthusiasm in health policy circles and among legislators, despite limited evidence of their effectiveness. On a positive note, this movement has developed and tested many new types of health care payment systems and has stimulated much new thinking about how to improve quality of care and reduce the costs of health care. The current interest in P4P echoes earlier enthusiasms in health policy—such as those for capitation and managed care in the 1990s—that failed to live up to their early promise. The fate of P4P is not yet certain, but we can learn a number of lessons from experiences with P4P to date, and ways to improve the designs of P4P programs are becoming apparent. We anticipate that a “second generation” of P4P programs can now be developed that can have greater impact and be better integrated with other interventions to improve the quality of care and reduce costs.

Advanced Case Management: Outcomes and Beyond, is a theoretical, research-oriented, and statistical publication providing comprehensive coverage of advanced case management information. Essential topics presented in this text include outcomes management, disease management, continuous quality improvement (CQI), and complementary medicine practices. Building on Case Management: A Practical Guide to Success in Managed Care, Second Edition, this book explores population-based case management and its components. Part I comprehensively covers disease management concepts and development of a successful disease management program. Part II focuses on the latest trends in outcomes management. Topics covered include how to develop an outcomes management program, the Center for Case Management Accountability (CCMA), benchmarking, and factors affecting case management outcomes. Part III deals with continuous quality improvement (CQI) and proper use of CQI tools. Finally, Part IV, Managing Complementary Health Care--A Vision for the Future, addresses the challenges and the successes of Complementary

and Alternative Medicine (CAM) practices.

This book presents research findings on India's major central and state government-sponsored health insurance schemes (GSHISs). The analysis centers on the GSHISs launched since 2007. These schemes targeted poor populations, aiming to provide financial protection against catastrophic health shocks, defined in terms of inpatient care. Focus is on two lines of inquiry. The first involves institutional and "operational" opportunities and challenges regarding schemes' design features, governance arrangements, financial flows, cost-containment mechanisms, underlying stakeholder incentives, information asymmetries, and potential for impact on financial protection and on access to care and use by targeted beneficiaries. The second entails "big picture" questions on the future configuration of India's health financing and delivery systems that have surfaced, due in part to the appearance of a new wave of GSHISs. In addition to gains in population coverage, reaching about 185 million low-income beneficiaries by 2010, the new crop of schemes introduced a demand-side approach to public financing while embracing several innovation features, at least for the Indian context. These include: defined entitlements, separation of purchasing from financing, patient choice of providers, impressive use of information and communication technology and engagement with the private sector in the areas of insurance, administration and provision. Strong political interest in the schemes is also evident, especially at the state level and is a driver of increased public expenditures for health. The schemes face a number of operational challenges that have emerged during implementation and are examined in the book. They will need to strengthen institutional and governance arrangements, purchasing and contracting capacities, monitoring systems, and cost containment mechanisms. They need to use their financial leverage to improve the quality of network providers. Beneficiaries also appear to have insufficient information on enrolment, benefits and providers. The book recommends a series of corrective measures to address these shortcomings. The book outlines a "pragmatic pathway" toward achieving universal coverage that takes as a starting point the current configuration of health financing and delivery arrangements in India, recent trends in government health financing as well as innovations and lessons from the recent GSHISs analyzed in this book. The book concludes with a review of issues for further research. Considered the "bible" of the managed care industry, this third edition is greatly expanded with 30 new chapters and extensively updated to double the size of the last edition! The Managed Health Care Handbook is a key strategic and operational resource for use in planning and decision-making. It includes firsthand advice from experienced managers on how to succeed in every aspect of managed care: quality management, claims and benefits administration, managing patient demand, as well as risk management, subacute care, physician compensation and much more! This seminal resource is a must for providers, purchasers, and payers-for everyone involved in the managed care industry.

Health Insurance and Managed Care: What They Are and How They Work is a concise introduction to the workings of health insurance and managed care within the American health care system. Written in clear and accessible language, this text offers an historical overview of managed care before walking the reader through the organizational structures, concepts, and practices of the health insurance and managed care industry. The Fifth Edition is a thorough update that addresses the current status of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), including political pressures that have been partially successful in implementing changes. This new edition also explores the changes in provider payment models and medical management methodologies that can affect managed care plans and health insurer.

Comprehensive legal environment of business text, designed for introductory courses. This text is available in ebook format from the VitalSource Store. To download and use the ebook, you will need the free VitalSource Bookshelf software. **DOWNLOAD NOW** Features: Complete coverage includes all the elements of a traditional Legal Environment of Business Text. Also

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covers topics that make it suitable for and “crossover and” courses and courses that are traditionally business organizations or business law oriented. Designed for use in either general undergraduate legal environment classes or more practical paralegal courses. Approachable text, covering all the major subject areas of the legal environment in an easy to understand and concise manner. Provides both an understanding of the basics of the law and understanding of practical applications. The basic concepts are reinforced by cases and hypotheticals within the text that allow for practical application of the legal concepts discussed in each chapter. This well-written text includes the following: Each chapter has multiple hypotheticals, examples, questions, definitions, exercises, in text case summaries and redacted case excerpts. All of the chapters begin with stated learning objectives. Additionally, each chapter includes a discussion of relevant ethical issues. Shorter length will appeal to those overwhelmed by longer books with too much information. A comprehensive instructor and’s manual and test bank will be included. The text will include free Loislaw access for students and faculty, together with sample research exercises. *Instructor's Manuals are a professional courtesy offered to professors only. For more information or to request a copy, please contact Wolter's Kluwer Law and Business at 800.529.7545 or examcopy@wolterskluwer.com.

Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthesiology provides appropriate chemical, biological, and physical information of the actions, interactions, and reactions of medication, particularly as they apply and impact the practice of nurse anesthesia. Written by certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) for CRNAs, this title presents information about various drugs using theoretical aspects based in chemistry, biochemistry, biology, and physics/biophysics and practical aspects straight from actual CRNAs who administer and deal with the medications on a case-by-case, daily basis. The perfect resource for both practicing professionals and students in CRNA programs!

A pediatric cardiologist presents a tour of a child's vital organs, sharing anecdotes about children struggling with disease and other physical challenges as they progress from birth through adolescence.

The origins of managed health care -- Types of managed care organizations and integrated health care delivery systems -- Network management and reimbursement -- Management of medical utilization and quality -- Internal operations -- Medicare and Medicaid -- Regulation and accreditation in managed care.

Health-related nonprofit organizations reflect a unique and enduring aspect of the American character, rooted in the concepts of charity and fraternity. Much has changed in the nonprofit sector since the days of Benjamin Franklin and the founding of the Pennsylvania Hospital, but nothing has replaced the dedication, creativity, and hard work of leaders, managers, and volunteers striving to improve the human condition. The Healthcare Nonprofit: Keys to Effective Management assists leaders and managers as they uphold the nonprofit tradition across a challenging and ever-evolving healthcare and public health landscape. It explores the nature and extent of nonprofit activity in the United States, establishing key principles while noting the impact of economic, sociocultural, and technological trends. Special attention is given to the following: The importance of the mission Programs and services that make a difference Staff and volunteer management Effective board governance Fundraising and donor stewardship Marketing, public relations, and advocacy Legal, regulatory, and ethical issues Leadership and crisis management The chapters of The Healthcare Nonprofit, written by accomplished leaders in the field, present essential concepts and principles, as well as more detailed commentary to foster deeper understanding. Ultimately, the book seeks to provide readers with the knowledge and tools they need to begin, run, and sustain effective nonprofit organizations that have a meaningful impact on the people they serve.

With proven techniques and professional insight, this one-of-a-kind resource is your complete

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guide to ensuring both effective patient care and sound business practices in the medical facility. From the front office to financial management, each detailed chapter addresses the interpersonal and administrative concerns you'll face in the management of a medical office, accompanied by realistic forms, letters, and procedural policies that help you prepare for on-the-job success. This new edition keeps you up to date on emerging developments in billing and coding, documentation, ethical and legal issues, and technological advances to help you keep your medical office at the forefront of the competitive health care field. Manager's Alert boxes detail measures to help you avoid complications and prevent potential emergencies. From the Expert's Notebook boxes help you build daily decision-making skills with helpful tips, suggestions, and insights drawn from real-world practice. Exercises at the end of each chapter reinforce concepts and help you assess your understanding. Detailed appendices provide fast, easy access to commonly used abbreviations and symbols, Medicare information, helpful websites, and answers to the end-of-chapter exercises, as well as a sample procedure and policy manual to guide you in developing your own practices. Written Communication chapter helps you ensure proper communication and documentation in the health care facility. Updated content in the Medical Record chapter familiarizes you with the latest information on the electronic medical record. The updated Billing, Coding, and Collections chapter keeps you up to date with the latest coding and insurance forms (CMS 1500). Coverage of current legal and ethical issues and emerging technology in the medical office keep you apprised of recent developments.

"Health insurance is the machinery that makes the US health system run. But what's going on under the hood? Health Insurance, Third Edition, helps students with the nuts and bolts. Bridging the gap between introductory economics courses and the field of healthcare administration, the book applies economic theory to the real world to explain why the health insurance market functions the way it does. Author Michael Morrissey, in a straightforward style, clearly explains such difficult concepts as adverse selection, moral hazard, managed care, and employer-sponsored health insurance. The book is distinguished by its in-depth discussion of research in health economics, both cutting edge and classic. It clarifies additional concepts like risk adjustment, demand, health savings accounts, selective contracting, the diversity of health insurance markets, and the functioning of Medicare and Medicaid. This third edition has been substantially revised to reflect the rapid evolution of the health field. Throughout, data used are the most recent available. New elements include: An all-new chapter on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Deep revisions to chapter 3 (A Summary of Insurance Coverage), chapter 12 (Insurance Market Structure, Conduct and Performance), and chapter 19 (The Individual Market) New sections on the ACA's risk adjustment and transitional adjustment mechanisms, the Oregon Medicaid experiment, wellness programs, interstate competition, and private health insurance exchanges Fresh data on health savings accounts and consumer-directed high-deductible plans DHPs. Inclusion of tax law changes in the ACA and in the 2018 tax reforms. An explanation of modified adjusted gross income, a new approach to defining eligibility Though health insurance has been a major player in the American healthcare system for decades, but it's hardly static. This new edition of Health Insurance keeps pace with the changes while also keeping up on the basics"--

Rev. ed. of: Essentials of managed health care / edited by Peter R. Kongstvedt. 5th ed. c2007. This concise, reader-friendly, introductory healthcare management text covers a wide variety of healthcare settings, from hospitals to nursing homes and clinics. Filled with examples to engage the reader's imagination, the important issues in healthcare management, such as ethics, cost management, strategic planning and marketing, information technology, and human resources, are all thoroughly covered.

This is the best reference book for activity directors working in long-term care, assisted living, and adult day programs and the most popular text for training new professionals. This book is

down to earth, easy to understand, and comprehensive enough to answer your difficult questions about working with different resident groups, meeting standards, working with team and family members, and managing your department. It lets you see how all the parts of your facility can fit together to make an empowering, healthful, person-centered environment for everyone. It shows you how to provide care that satisfies, and even exceeds, health care regulations. And it gives you suggestions on how to stay sane, at least most of the time. Great reference book with many excellent activities and reproducible forms! The sixth edition includes information about MDS 3.0 and more details on successful person-centered programming in the information age.

Similar to developing countries elsewhere, during the 1990s, Central American countries faced pressures to improve the performance of their health systems. In most countries, there was a consensus that the systems were failing to live up to their potential. Rather than take on system-wide change, each country opted to step into reform through launching innovations to address specific problems or deficiencies in a particular program, function or intervention of the system. 'Health Systems Innovations in Central America' reports on how these experiences fared--a hospital in Panama, a nutrition program in Honduras, primary care extension in Guatemala, a subset of hospitals and primary care units in Costa Rica and a social security-managed health care program in Nicaragua. The studies report on the performance of the innovations, the policy environment in which they were developed as well as nuts-and-bolts features and processes incorporated into their design and implementation.

A managed care expert overviews the history, structure, regulation, and issues of the complex US health care system. This second edition work was originally published by Aspen in 2002.

Much of the information is distilled from another of the doctor's books, The Managed Care Handbook, 4th ed. An extensive glossary is included, but there are no refer

Health Care Finance and the Mechanics of Insurance and Reimbursement stands apart from other texts on health care finance or health insurance, in that it combines financial principles unique to the health care setting with the methods and process for reimbursement (including coding, reimbursement strategies, compliance, financial reporting, case mix index, and external auditing). It explains the revenue cycle in detail, correlating it with regular management functions; and covers reimbursement from the initial point of care through claim submission and reconciliation. Thoroughly updated for its second edition, this text reflects changes to the Affordable Care Act, Managed Care Organizations, new coding initiatives, new components of the revenue cycle (from reimbursement to compliance), updates to regulations surrounding health care fraud and abuse, changes to the Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) program, and more.

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Strategies and Games grew out of Prajit Dutta's experience teaching a course in game theory over the last six years at Columbia University. The book is divided into three parts: Strategic Form Games and Their Applications, Extensive Form Games and Their Applications, and Asymmetric Information Games and Their Applications. The theoretical topics include dominance solutions, Nash

equilibrium, backward induction, subgame perfect equilibrium, repeated games, dynamic games, Bayes-Nash equilibrium, mechanism design, auction theory, and signaling. An appendix presents a thorough discussion of single-agent decision theory, as well as the optimization and probability theory required for the course. Every chapter that introduces a new theoretical concept opens with examples and ends with a case study. Case studies include Global Warming and the Internet, Poison Pills, Treasury Bill Auctions, and Final Jeopardy. Each part of the book also contains several chapter-length applications including Bankruptcy Law, the NASDAQ market, OPEC, and the Commons problem. This is also the first text to provide a detailed analysis of dynamic strategic interaction.

The essential resource for designing and implementing employee benefits—bringing you up to date on critical new industry changes For nearly three decades, HR professionals and consultants have depended on The Handbook of Employee Benefits for authoritative answers to their questions about designing and implementing competitive employee benefits packages. Covering everything from general objectives to costs, this classic reference brings you up to date on critical changes driven by legislative developments, such as the new health-care reform law enacted by the passing of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The seventh edition of The Handbook of Employee Benefits features the knowledge and insights of the leading scholars and practitioners in the field. Filled with new and updated information and real-world examples, this edition focuses on health and group benefits: Health Benefits: health-care reform's impact on employee benefits, new approaches to cost containment, how to access quality care, consumer-driven health-care plan designs along with dental, behavioral, prescription, and long-term care programs Life Insurance: group term, universal life, and corporate-owned life programs Work/Life Programs: traditional time off and family leave, child and elder care, and assistance for education, financial planning, and voluntary benefits Social Insurance Programs: Social Security, Medicare, and workers' and unemployment compensation programs Group and Health Benefit Plan Financial Management: federal tax laws, funding health benefit plans—insured, self-funded, and captive arrangements Employee Benefit Administration: flexible benefit plans, fiduciary liability issues, and communications Issues of Special Interest: retiree welfare benefits, small company benefits, multiemployer plans, and international employee benefit planning An innovative, efficient employee benefit program has become one of the primary prerequisites to success in today's lean business battleground. The Handbook of Employee Benefits provides the knowledge and tools you need to create plans that benefit the greatest number of employees, while allowing employers to maintain fiscal integrity and competitive advantage.

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overview of managed care and then walks the reader through the organizational structures, concepts, and practices of the managed care industry. The Fourth Edition is a thorough update that addresses the impact of the Affordable Care Act throughout the industry including: - New underwriting requirements - New marketing and sales channels - Limitations on sales, governance, and administrative (SG&A) costs and profits - New provider organizations such as Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCHMs) and Accountable Care Organizations (ACO's) - New payment mechanisms such as shared savings with ACOs, and severity-adjusted diagnosis related groups - Changes to Medicare Advantage - Medicaid expansion and reliance on Medicaid managed care

This book presents the first comprehensive review of all major government-supported health insurance schemes in India and their potential for contributing to the achievement of universal coverage in India are discussed.

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Managed care contracting is a process that frustrates even the best administrators. However, to ignore this complexity is to do so at your own expense. You don't necessarily need to bear the cost of overpriced legal advice, but you do need to know what questions to ask, what clauses to avoid, what contingencies to cover ... and when to ask a lawyer for help. Decode and analyze reimbursement problems, loopholes, and contract stipulations you are likely to encounter Learn tried-and-true tricks, tools, shortcuts, and techniques to evaluate agreements Negotiate contracts that won't leave you open to unanticipated expenses Written by Maria K. Todd, a seasoned professional in managed care contracting, this handbook is written for managers, analysts, and finance officers who have the daunting task of negotiating contracts for medical services. It offers an in-depth examination of managed care and its organizations and covers key areas, such as pay-for-performance initiatives, reimbursement methods, contract law basics, and negotiating strategies. The Managed Care Contracting Handbook offers critical details and strategic information as well as resources on everything from HMOs and PPOs to Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP), self-funded ERISA payers, and Medicaid managed care. Fully updates the first edition, which was used widely in the U.S. and overseas. Designed to equip you with the confidence that comes with knowing the right questions to ask and more answers than you are supposed to know, this easy-access resource — Provides a

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complete overview of managed care organizations Covers contract law basics
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Includes sample contracts and important checklists, as well as a glossary

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