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Hi……………,

You have made an outstanding post about inpatient and outpatient settings, fee for service payment, and long-term care. Indeed, outpatient services are on the rise, and because they do not offer overnight stays, they are convenient. However, I believe that outpatient services should be less complex medical procedures. Therefore, your examples, such as renal dialysis, chemotherapies, and minor surgeries, are relevant because the medical procedures do not require intensive monitoring from the healthcare provider. Besides, I applause your description of inpatient care. Typically, inpatient care is aimed to treat acute illnesses, and the patients need overnight monitoring by the healthcare provider. I agree that rehabilitation centers and psychiatric centers provide inpatient services because the patients in those facilities need intensive medical attention.

I also agree with your point regarding the fee for service payment. It is correct to note that this payment method may allow the doctor to manipulate ways of charging insurance companies more. For instance, they may carry out unnecessary tests with the idea of making more funds. The government should devise ways of ensuring transparency, accountability, and equity in using fee for service method. This will help prevent the irrational decisions made by doctors that may lead to the escalation of treatment costs. I like the way you have comprehensively explained long-term care. I believe this care should be individualized to ensure that each patient gets effective medical care per their needs; thus, promoting independence. Because acute diseases may be experienced simultaneously, I think it is essential for long-term care to be integrated to ensure collaboration among healthcare professionals during treatment.

Besides, the care should be coordinated to help in effective case management. What do you think

are some of the ways to ensure long-term care can be integrated?