**Assignment 3: Healthcare Quality**

Due Week 6 and worth 200 points

Assume that you are a quality officer who is responsible for one (1) of the state’s largest healthcare organizations. You have been told that the quality of patient care has decreased, and you have been assigned a project that is geared toward increasing quality of care for the patients. Your Chief Executive Officer has requested a six to eight page (6-8) summary of your recommended initiatives.

**Note**: You may create and /or make all necessary assumptions needed for the completion of this assignment.

Write a six to eight (6-8) page paper in which you:

1. Analyze three (3) quality initiatives for your organization.
2. Determine the supporting factors that would aid in the reduction of healthcare cost in your organization without reducing quality of care for the patients.
3. Differentiate between quality in a free market healthcare system and in single-payer government system with three (3) examples for each.
4. Specify three (3) common law quality initiatives that are still found in 21st century healthcare organizations.
5. Defend your position on the importance of healthcare quality for your organization. Provide support with at least three (3) examples that illustrate your position.
6. Assemble a plan to protect patient information that complies with all legal requirements.
7. Use at least three (3) quality references. **Note:** Wikipedia and other Websites do not qualify as academic resources.

Your assignment must follow these formatting requirements:

* Typed, double spaced, using Times New Roman font (size 12), with one-inch margins on all sides; citations and references must follow APA or school-specific format. Check with your professor for any additional instructions.
* Include a cover page containing the title of the assignment, the student’s name, the professor’s name, the course title, and the date. The cover page and the reference page are not included in the required assignment page length.

The specific course learning outcomes associated with this assignment are:

* Describe the evolution of hospitals and sources of law.
* Examine tort law and the criminal aspects of health care.
* Analyze the impact of healthcare financing and health insurance on healthcare access, quality, and cost.
* Determine the factors that affect healthcare quality in healthcare organizations.
* Examine information management and health care records and how the legal reporting requirements impact health care.
* Assess the legal implications of ethical decisions that impact consent for treatment, right-to-die, and patient rights and responsibilities.
* Use technology and information resources to research issues in healthcare policy and law.
* Write clearly and concisely about healthcare policy and law using proper writing mechanics.

Grading for this assignment will be based on answer quality, logic / organization of the paper, and language and writing skills, using the following rubric.

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| **Points: 200** | **Assignment 3: Healthcare Quality** | | | | |
| **Criteria** | **Unacceptable**  **Below 60% F** | **Meets Minimum Expectations**  **60-69% D** | **Fair**  **70-79% C** | **Proficient**  **80-89% B** | **Exemplary**  **90-100% A** |
| 1. Analyze three (3) quality initiatives for your organization.  Weight: 15% | Did not submit or incompletely analyzed three (3) quality initiatives for your organization. | Insufficiently analyzed three (3) quality initiatives for your organization. | Partially analyzed three (3) quality initiatives for your organization. | Satisfactorily analyzed three (3) quality initiatives for your organization. | Thoroughly analyzed three (3) quality initiatives for your organization. |
| 2. Determine the supporting factors that would aid in the reduction of healthcare cost in your organization without reducing quality of care for the patients. Weight: 12% | Did not submit or incompletely determined the supporting factors that would aid in the reduction of healthcare cost in your organization without reducing quality of care for the patients. | Insufficiently determined the supporting factors that would aid in the reduction of healthcare cost in your organization without reducing quality of care for the patients. | Partially determined the supporting factors that would aid in the reduction of healthcare cost in your organization without reducing quality of care for the patients. | Satisfactorily determined the supporting factors that would aid in the reduction of healthcare cost in your organization without reducing quality of care for the patients. | Thoroughly determined the supporting factors that would aid in the reduction of healthcare cost in your organization without reducing quality of care for the patients. |
| 3. Differentiate between quality in a free market healthcare system and in single-payer government system with three (3) examples for each.  Weight: 15% | Did not submit or incompletely differentiated between quality in a free market healthcare system and in single-payer government system with three (3) examples for each. | Insufficiently differentiated between quality in a free market healthcare system and in single-payer government system with three (3) examples for each. | Partially differentiated between quality in a free market healthcare system and in single-payer government system with three (3) examples for each. | Satisfactorily differentiated between quality in a free market healthcare system and in single-payer government system with three (3) examples for each. | Thoroughly differentiated between quality in a free market healthcare system and in single-payer government system with three (3) examples for each. |
| 4. Specify three (3) common law quality initiatives that are still found in 21st century healthcare organizations.  Weight: 15% | Did not submit or incompletely specified three (3) common law quality initiatives that are still found in 21st century healthcare organizations. | Insufficiently specified three (3) common law quality initiatives that are still found in 21st century healthcare organizations. | Partially specified three (3) common law quality initiatives that are still found in 21st century healthcare organizations. | Satisfactorily specified three (3) common law quality initiatives that are still found in 21st century healthcare organizations. | Thoroughly specified three (3) common law quality initiatives that are still found in 21st century healthcare organizations. |
| 5. Defend your position on the importance of healthcare quality for your organization. Provide support with at least three (3) examples that illustrate your position.  Weight: 15% | Did not submit or incompletely defended your position on the importance of healthcare quality for your organization. Did not submit or incompletely provided support with at least three (3) examples that illustrate your position. | Insufficiently defended your position on the importance of healthcare quality for your organization. Insufficiently provided support with at least three (3) examples that illustrate your position. | Partially defended your position on the importance of healthcare quality for your organization. Partially provided support with at least three (3) examples that illustrate your position. | Satisfactorily defended your position on the importance of healthcare quality for your organization. Satisfactorily provided support with at least three (3) examples that illustrate your position. | Thoroughly defended your position on the importance of healthcare quality for your organization. Thoroughly provided support with at least three (3) examples that illustrate your position. |
| 6. Assemble a plan to protect patient information that complies with all legal requirements.  Weight: 13% | Did not submit or incompletely assembled a plan to protect patient information that complies with all legal requirements. | Insufficiently assembled a plan to protect patient information that complies with all legal requirements. | Partially assembled a plan to protect patient information that complies with all legal requirements. | Satisfactorily assembled a plan to protect patient information that complies with all legal requirements. | Thoroughly assembled a plan to protect patient information that complies with all legal requirements. |
| 7. 3 references  Weight: 5% | No references provided | Does not meet the required number of references; all references poor quality choices. | Does not meet the required number of references; some references poor quality choices. | Meets number of required references; all references high quality choices. | Exceeds number of required references; all references high quality choices. |
| 8. Clarity, writing mechanics, and formatting requirements  Weight: 10% | More than 8 errors present | 7-8 errors present | 5-6 errors present | 3-4 errors present | 0-2 errors present |