"The American Health Care System: Insurance, Organization, and Law"

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Monday, 14 March

I. Overview of the American Health Care System
- A. Size and cost of the U.S. health care system
- B. Who is uninsured and insured?
- C. The benefits insurance covers—and does not.
- D. Health Care Finance 101: Who pays what?
- E. Beyond the patients: the role of everyone else
  - 1. Employers
  - 2. Insurers—government and private
  - 3. "Delivery systems": HMOs etc.
  - 4. Doctors and other health providers
  - 5. Hospitals
  - 6. Drug companies
  - 7. Long-term care: nursing homes, etc.

Tuesday, 15 March

II. The Starting Point: Health Insurance
- A. Medicaid
- B. Individual insurance
- C. Employer-sponsored insurance
  - 1. Self-insurance
  - 2. Purchased insurance
- D. Medicare
- E. Other
  - 1. Military coverage: TRICARE
  - 2. Veterans coverage: the VA system
  - 3. Community Health Centers (CHCs)
  - 4. Indian Health Services

Wednesday, 16 March

III. The Impact of the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)
- A. Individual mandate
- B. Essential Health Benefits
- C. Qualified Health Plans
- D. Expansion of Medicaid
- E. Health Insurance Exchanges (Marketplaces)
  - 1. Individuals (Individual Exchange
  - 2. Small employers (SHOP Exchange)
- F. Medicare reform

Thursday, 17 March   IV. The ACA Goes to Court
           A. Constitutional challenges
             1. Is the individual mandate legal?
             2. Is Medicaid expansion legal?
             3. Other challenges
           B. The Supreme Court rules

Friday, 18 March   V. Other Legal Issues
           A. ERISA
           B. Mental health and addiction
           C. Prescription drug approval and regulation
           D. Doctors and providers
             1. Training
             2. Licensure
             3. Regulation
           E. Hospital and long-term care facilities
             1. Licensure
             2. Regulation
           F. Medical emergencies
           G. Malpractice

         VI. The Future of U.S. Health Law