

## Chapter 2: Government Influences on Health Care Test Bank

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DIF: Cognitive Level: Analysis  
TOP: Health-care reform  
MSC: NCLEX: NA

REF: p. 23                    OBJ: 3  
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DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension                    REF: p. 19, Box 2-3  
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DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension                    REF: p. 20  
TOP: Department of Health and Human Services  
MSC: NCLEX: NA

OBJ: 1  
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DIF: Cognitive Level: Application      REF: p. 23      OBJ: 6  
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- a . American Nurses Association
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  - c . Nursing Licensure Pact.
  - d . Nurse practice act.

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Nurse practice acts of each state establish the scope of practice for nursing in that state.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension      REF: p. 15      OBJ: 4  
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DIF: Cognitive Level: Application      REF: p. 24      OBJ: 6  
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  - a system used by all insurance companies to determine what health-care services will be covered.

ANS: B

DRGs are a government-mandated program that radically changed the face of health care by establishing strict rules for reimbursement. [NnGt.TB.COM](http://NnGt.TB.COM)

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: p. 21, Table 2-1  
OBJ: 2 TOP: Policy setting KEY: Nursing Process Step: NA  
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ANS: D

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DIF: Cognitive Level: Application REF: p. 24 OBJ: 6  
TOP: Self-care KEY: Nursing Process Step: NA MSC: NCLEX: NA

12. Standards of practice are the foundations for:

- a . plans of care.
- b . insurance reimbursement.
- c . licensure.
- d . consumer protection laws.

ANS: D

Standards of practice, which have evolved over the years, have been used as the foundation of laws relative to consumer protection.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: p. 14 OBJ: 2  
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OBJ: 3 TOP: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)  
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ANS: D

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 mandated care to 32 million uninsured persons, which would be financed from Medicare payroll taxes.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Knowledge REF: p. 22, Table 2-1

OBJ: 3 TOP: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010  
KEY: Nursing Process Step: NA MSC: NCLEX: NA

**MULTIPLE RESPONSE**

15. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 provided money for the development of: *(Select all that apply.)*
- a . treatment centers for drug dependency.
  - b . skilled nursing facilities.
  - c . nursing schools.
  - d . home health agencies.
  - e . day care centers.

ANS: B, D

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 provided money for the development of various health-care projects such as nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, and home health agencies.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: p. 21, Table 2-1  
OBJ: 1 TOP: Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act  
KEY: Nursing Process Step: NA MSC: NCLEX: NA

16. The Patient Bill of Rights ensures that all patients may: *(Select all that apply.)*
- a . select their health-care provider.
  - b . be assured of having a private room.
  - c . take part in treatment decisions.
  - d . expect confidentiality.
  - e . utilize channels for complaint.

ANS: A, C, D, E

The Consumer Patient Bill of Rights assures patients that they may select their provider, take part in treatment decisions, expect confidentiality, use resources for complaint and appeal, be free from discrimination, and have access to emergency services.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Application REF: p. 15-16 OBJ: 2  
TOP: Patient Bill of Rights KEY: Nursing Process Step: NA  
MSC: NCLEX: NA

17. Political action committees (PACs) can influence legislation by: *(Select all that apply.)*
- a . providing lobbying.
  - b . selecting candidates to run for office.
  - c . creating an awareness of the need for new legislation.
  - d . introducing legislation themselves.
  - e . contributing money to legislators.

ANS: A, C, E

PACs can influence legislation by contributing money to legislators and by providing lobbying services to create an awareness of the need for legislation.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: p. 25 OBJ: 1  
TOP: Political action committees (PACs) KEY: Nursing Process Step: NA  
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**COMPLETION**

18. The nursing theorist that proposed a holistic view of health care in the 1960s was \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS:

Martha Rogers

In the 1960s, Martha Rogers proposed a theory of holistic health care.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Knowledge REF: p. 24  
OBJ: 6 TOP: Holistic health care KEY:  
Nursing Process Step: NA MSC: NCLEX: NA

19. The plan of care is the tool that directs patient care for a health care delivered by a \_\_\_\_\_ team.

ANS:

multidisciplinary

The plan of care allows for the communication among the various team members to meet the individual patient's health-care needs.

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