

Health Care Systems: Government and Nonprofit Agencies

Unit: Health Care Systems

Problem Area: Health Care Systems Defined

Lesson: Health Care Systems: Government and Nonprofit Agencies

- **Student Learning Objectives.** Instruction in this lesson should result in students achieving the following objectives:

- 1 Identify government agencies providing health care services at the international, national, state, and local levels.**
- 2 Identify nonprofit (volunteer) agencies providing health care services at the national, state, and local levels.**

- **List of Resources.** The following resources may be useful in teaching this lesson:

Badasch, S.A., and Chesebro, D. S. *Introduction to Health Occupations: Today's Health Care Worker*, 6th ed. Prentice Hall, 2004.

Gerdin, J. *Health Careers Today*, 4th ed. Mosby Elsevier, 2007.

Simmers, L. *Diversified Health Occupations*, 6th ed. Thomson Delmar Learning, 2004.



■ **List of Equipment, Tools, Supplies, and Facilities**

- ✓ Overhead or PowerPoint projector
- ✓ Visual(s) from accompanying master(s)
- ✓ Copies of sample test, lab sheet(s), and/or other items designed for duplication
- ✓ Materials listed on duplicated items
- ✓ Computers with printers and Internet access
- ✓ Classroom resource and reference materials

■ **Terms.** The following terms are presented in this lesson (shown in bold italics):

- ▶ Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPH)
- ▶ Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- ▶ communicable
- ▶ endowments
- ▶ Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- ▶ licensing
- ▶ maternal
- ▶ National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- ▶ Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- ▶ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS)
- ▶ World Health Organization (WHO)

■ **Interest Approach.** Use an interest approach that will prepare the students for the lesson. Teachers often develop approaches for their unique class and student situation. A possible approach is included here.

Health care services are provided through for-profit agencies, nonprofit agencies, and governmental agencies. Which health care services are provided through governmental agencies? Which health care services are provided through nonprofit agencies? List student ideas on the board.

SUMMARY OF CONTENT AND TEACHING STRATEGIES

Objective 1: Identify government agencies providing health care services at the international, national, state, and local levels.

Anticipated Problem: What governmental health services are offered at the international, national, state, and local levels?

- I. Governmental health care services are tax-supported.
 - A. International agencies like the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, sponsored by the United Nations, compile statistics and information on disease; publish health information; and investigate and address health problems throughout the world.
 - B. National agencies
 1. The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS)** is a national agency that deals with health problems in the United States.
 - a. The **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** is an agency within USDHHS that is involved with research on diseases.
 - b. The **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** is an agency within USDHHS that is concerned with the causes, spread, and control of diseases.
 - c. The **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** is an agency within USDHHS that is responsible for regulating food and drug products sold to the public.
 2. The **Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR)** researches the quality of health care delivery and identifies the standards of treatment to be provided by health care facilities.
 3. The **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** establishes and enforces standards that protect workers from job-related injuries and illnesses.
 4. The Veterans' Administration provides hospital and other health care to veterans who served in the armed forces.
 - C. State and local agencies
 1. County and city health departments provide health education materials. These health departments are responsible for the purity of water and food; **communicable** (capable of passing directly or indirectly from one person or thing to another) disease control; alcohol and drug abuse control; **maternal** (relating to the mother or from the mother) health; **licensing** (giving an agency or person permission to carry on certain activities and stating what they may not do as well as what they are authorized to do) of various health agencies; immunization for disease control; inspection for environmental health and sanitation;

collection of statistics and records related to health; and other community services.

2. State psychiatric hospitals serve the mentally ill.
3. County hospitals provide care for the ill and injured, especially those patients who require financial help to receive care.

Many techniques can be used to help students master this objective. Use VM–A to represent the scope of international, national, state, and local governmental health care services.

Objective 2: Identify nonprofit (volunteer) agencies providing health care services at the national, state, and local levels.

Anticipated Problem: Which nonprofit agencies provide health care services at the national, state, and local levels?

- II. National Nonprofit Agencies often have state and local branches; most focus on one specific disease or group of diseases. Each organization typically studies the disease, provides funding to encourage research directed at curing or treating the disease, and promotes public education. These agencies operate with volunteer employees but also employ many full- and part-time health care workers. Nonprofit agency support is primarily from donations, gifts, membership fees, fundraisers, and **endowments** (gifts of property or money given to a group or organization).
 - A. American Cancer Society
 - B. American Heart Association
 - C. American Lung Association
 - D. American Diabetes Association
 - E. National Association of Mental Health
 - F. National Foundation of the March of Dimes
 - G. American Red Cross
 - H. Alzheimer’s Association
 - I. National Kidney Foundation

Many techniques can be used to help students master this objective. Use VM–B to represent various nonprofit organizations.

Review/Summary. Use the student learning objectives to summarize the lesson. Have students explain the content associated with each objective. Student responses can be used in determining which objectives need to be reviewed or taught from a different angle. Questions at the ends of chapters in the textbook may also be used in the review/summary.

■ **Application.** Use the included visual masters and lab sheet to apply the information presented in the lesson.

■ **Evaluation.** Evaluation should focus on student achievement of the objectives for the lesson. Various techniques can be used, such as student performance on the application activities. A sample written test is provided.

■ **Answers to Sample Test:**

Part One: Matching

1. c
2. d
3. e
4. a
5. b
6. f

Part Two: Completion

1. World Health Organization (WHO)
2. Students may list any three of the following:
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - Food and Drug Administration
 - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 - Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
 - Veterans' Administration
 - National Institutes of Health
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
3. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR)
4. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Part Three: True or False

1. F
2. T
3. T
4. T
5. F
6. T

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► Part One: Matching

Instructions: Match the term with the correct definition.

- a. maternal
- b. World Health Organization (WHO)
- c. endowments
- d. licensing
- e. communicable
- f. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- ____ 1. Gifts of property or money given to a group or organization
- ____ 2. Permission to carry on certain activities that states what may and may not be done
- ____ 3. This is capable of passing directly or indirectly from one person or thing to another
- ____ 4. This relates to the mother or from the mother
- ____ 5. International agency sponsored by the United Nations
- ____ 6. Agency that is concerned about the spread of diseases and more

► Part Two: Completion

Instructions: Provide the word or words to complete the following statements.

1. The international governmental health care services organization is the _____.
2. Name three national governmental health care services organizations.



3. The standards of treatment to be provided by health care facilities are researched and identified by _____.
4. When a medication is on the shelves at pharmacies nationwide, it has been approved by the _____.

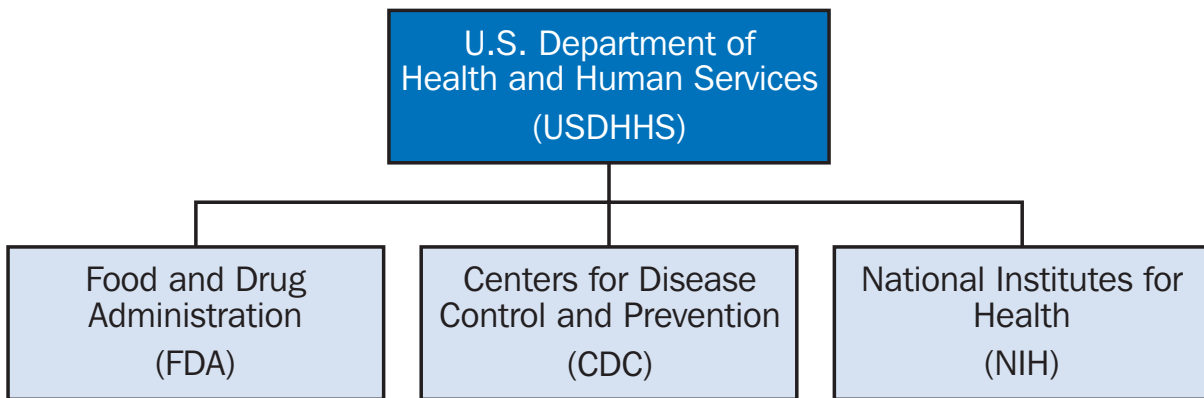
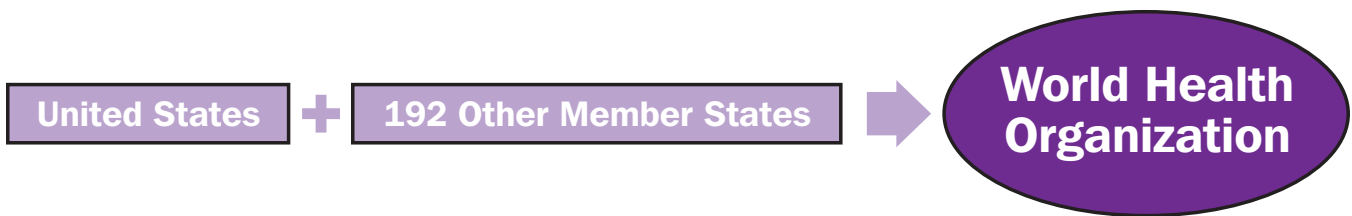
► **Part Three: True or False**

Instructions: Write T for true or F for false.

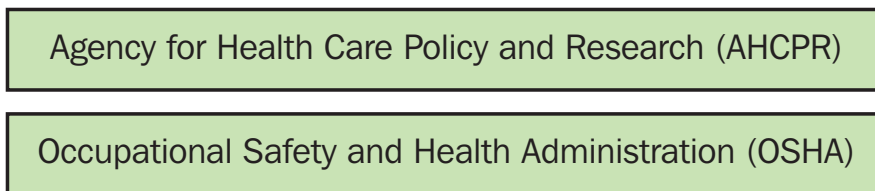
- _____ 1. Nonprofit organizations are staffed with volunteers and military personnel.
- _____ 2. The American Red Cross is an example of a nonprofit health care service organization.
- _____ 3. Nonprofit organizations receive support from donations, gifts, membership fees, fundraisers, and endowments.
- _____ 4. County hospitals provide care for the ill and injured, especially those patients who require financial help to receive care.
- _____ 5. The NIH is responsible for the purity of water and food.
- _____ 6. A construction worker who does not receive a hard hat and other necessary equipment for the job should contact OSHA.

INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

International Governmental Organization



Other Federal Agencies



NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS

- ◆ American Cancer Society <http://www.cancer.org>
- ◆ American Heart Association
<http://www.americanheart.org>
- ◆ American Lung Association <http://www.lungusa.org>
- ◆ American Diabetes Association
<http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>
- ◆ National Association of Mental Health
<http://www.nmha.org/>
- ◆ National Association of the March of Dimes
<http://www.marchofdimes.com/>
- ◆ American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/>
- ◆ Alzheimer's Association <http://www.alz.org/>
- ◆ National Kidney Foundation <http://www.kidney.org/>



Voluntary Health Care Services Organizations

Purpose

The purpose of this activity is to investigate the mission, goals, and operations of various voluntary health care service organizations.

Objectives

1. Investigate the mission, goals, and operations of a nonprofit health care service organization.
2. Present the information learned about the organization to the class.

Materials

- ◆ writing utensil
- ◆ Microsoft PowerPoint

Procedure

1. Divide into groups of three.
2. Each group selects an organization from the list provided.
3. Investigate the organization's mission, goals, and operations (annual report). From the annual report:
 - a. Identify the organization's total revenues.
 - b. Identify two facts about the organization that others in the class would be interested to learn.
4. Present your information in a PowerPoint presentation.



List of Organizations

- ◆ March of Dimes <http://www.marchofdimes.com/>
- ◆ American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/>
- ◆ American Cancer Society <http://www.cancer.org>
- ◆ American Heart Association <http://www.americanheart.org>
- ◆ American Diabetes Association <http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>
- ◆ National Association of Mental Health <http://www.nmha.org/>
- ◆ American Lung Association <http://www.lungusa.org>
- ◆ Alzheimer's Association <http://www.alz.org/>
- ◆ National Kidney Foundation <http://www.kidney.org/>
- ◆ Other: