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| **About** |
| As a billing professional, it is important to know the history of healthcare in the U.S. Such knowledge will invariably facilitate your communication with patients. In this way, billing professionals are able to help patients become educated consumers of what the healthcare system has to offer. In this assignment you will sequence milestones in the history of healthcare. |
| **Background** |
| Michelle has now graduated from UMA’s MOBS program and works in her pediatrician’s practice as a medical office billing specialist. In her position, knowing the history of healthcare, as well as how the types of MCOs and healthcare plans benefit both her practice and the patients is crucial to her doing her job well. |

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| **Part 1:** The Pros and Cons of Managed Care Organizations, Alternative Healthcare Plans | **30 points** |
| **Directions to complete part 1:**   1. From different types of managed care organizations and alternative healthcare plans discussed in the text, select three. One of your three choices must be an alternative healthcare plan.   Next, do the following for each of the three organizations / plans that you have chosen. Each response should be three to five sentences:   * Explain the nature of each * Give one example of how each affects both providers and patients * State one pro and one con of each | |

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| **Organizations** | **Explain nature of each** | **How each affects providers and patients** | **Pros & Cons** |
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| 1. Select three of the different types of insurance. Next, state one pro and one con for each. Each response should be three to five sentences: |

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| **Insurance** | **Pro’s** | **Con’s** |
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