



# **Preparation Manual**

## **Health Science 6–12 (273)**

**Overview and Exam Framework**  
**Sample Selected-Response Questions**  
**Sample Selected-Response Answers and Rationales**





























































































49. An increase in malpractice premiums would most likely influence which THREE of the following decisions by a physician?

- A. Decisions about where to locate the medical practice
- B. Degree of professional development
- C. Selection of insurance company
- D. Charge for treatments to patients

**Answer**

**Options A, C, and D are correct** because an increase in malpractice premiums would most likely influence a physician's decisions about where to locate his or her medical practice, the choice of insurance companies, and what the physician would charge for treatments to patients. **Option B is incorrect** because an increase in malpractice premiums would most likely not influence a physician's amount of professional development.

50. Which of the following is necessary for a medical power of attorney or health care proxy to begin making health care choices for a patient?

- A. The requirements depend on the particular laws of the state in which the patient resides.
- B. At least one physician must determine that the patient is unable to communicate effectively or make health care decisions independently.
- C. At least two physicians must determine that the patient is unable to communicate effectively or make health care decisions independently.
- D. The physician and the family members must agree that the patient is unable to communicate effectively or make health care decisions independently.

**Answer**

**Option A is correct** because the laws for a medical power of attorney or health care proxy vary from state to state. It depends on the particular state laws where the patient resides as to how the law is applied. **Options B and C are incorrect** because although a doctor or psychologist or advanced practice nurse working with a doctor will generally make the determination if an individual is unable to communicate effectively or make health care decisions independently, the law varies from state to state. **Option D is incorrect** because the physician and family members do not have to agree that the patient is unable to communicate effectively or make health care decisions independently.