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**FIRST DISCUSSION POST FROM SHANIA**

Hey Shania, I have to say I couldn’t agree more with what you suggested in the post. The homeless children with Type 2 diabetes certainly are the most deserving population in this regard. Given the hike in insulin prices in the past couple of years and the rise of the death toll among those suffering from diabetes, all, because they were rationing their supply, is despicable. These individuals, much like the homeless children are faultless in this area and should have access to what they need (Prasad, 2019). However, giving insulin to an obese patient suffering from type 2 diabetes, especially if poor lifestyle was what lead to obesity in the first place would be similar to giving new liver to an alcoholic, he is only going to ruin another liver through extensive drinking. Again, I would have to agree with your statement regarding everyone has the right to access to medication. However, that right does become subject in case of shortage of the said medication.

**SECOND DISCUSSION POST FROM VANESSA**

Hey Vanessa, I must say that you make some excellent points there. In my opinion, the idea of deserving vs. undeserving is truly subjective, given the situation at hand. While it is true that everyone has an equal right to healthcare services and they should be able to receive them whether they are obese, alcoholic, or have a history of drug abuse. However, when there is a shortage of medical supplies that can treat Type 2 Diabetes, I believe that the most deserving population in this regard would be the one that has the very best odds of survival. Here, the cost would become inconsequential and availability will take precedence, whether it is for an alcoholic drug abuser or a homeless five-year-old. Since there will be ample medication to go around, everyone will receive some (Brody, 2017).

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