**RESPONSE 2**

**How do national economic trends, indicators, and challenges apply to health care policy?**

National economic trends applies to health care policies by discussing and elaborating on the following issues that the U.S. has encountered for quite some time. However, everything we encounter with such as health care crisis, lack of employment, health care laws and issues that are applied to our everyday lives. When the economy is facing challenges, all individuals are affected by the issue. For the economic trends, issues such as health care increasing at a faster growth rate and causing more challenges for individuals on different levels. Those different levels may implement more adversity for several ethnic groups that are suffering such as higher health care costs, lack of health care insurance, and facing changes that has been implemented but are held at stake, debate, and become very controversial. Some of those issues may be the Health Care Reform, Obama Care, and The Accessibility and Use of Health Care. Some of the indicators that applies to health care policies are introducing methods and ways for individuals to have health care insurance and to provide individuals whom are uninsured with services that need. It applies to health care policy because there has to be health care information being evaluated and reviewed constantly at all times to ensure the work performance within the organization. This is where the challenges take place because the indicators are based on being monitored and ensuring the validity of the information provided is being valued.

Sometimes a valued indicator can be more worth it than an indicator at all. These things typically occur because it doesn’t have valid information. When there are no valid information identified, you cannot use it and it is meaningless. “Indicators should actually measure what they are intended to (validity); they should provide the same answer if measured by different people in similar circumstances (reliability); they should be able to measure change (sensitivity); and, they should reflect changes only in the situation concerned (specificity)”(Bowen; Kreindler, 2008).