

Economics 845: Advanced Topics in Public Finance

Fall Semester, 2009

Wednesdays 2:30-4:10, 6117 Social Science Building
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Date	Topic
9/2/09 (1)	Presentation and Organization Presentation by Jamie Hanson on attempting to understand the tie between income, health and cognitive ability using brain scans.
9/9/09 (2)	Big Issues Emanuel, E.J., Fuchs, V.R. "Who Really Pays for Health Care?: The Myth of" Shared Responsibility." <i>JAMA</i> , 299 no. 9 (March 2008): 1057-1059. Fuchs, V.R. "The Proposed Government Health Insurance Company — No Substitute for Real Reform." <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , 360 no. 22 (May 28, 2009): 2273-2275. Glied, S.A. "Health Care Financing, Efficiency, and Equity." <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i> , no. 13881 (March 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w13881 Gruber, J. "Covering the Uninsured in the U.S." <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i> , no. 13758 (January 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w13758 Hacker, J.S. "Healthy Competition — The Why and How of "Public-Plan Choice." <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , 360 no. 22 (May 28, 2009): 2269-2271. Iglehart, J.K. "A New Era of For-Profit Hospice Care — The Medicare Benefit." <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , 360 no. 26 (June 25, 2009): 2701-2703. Meara, E., Rosenthal, M.B., Sinaiko, A., Baicker, K. "State and Federal Approaches to Health Reform: What Works for the Working Poor?" <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i> , no. 14125 (June 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w14125 Mello, M.M., Brennan, T.A. "The Role of Medical Liability Reform in Federal Health Care Reform." <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , 361 no. 1 (July 2, 2009): 1-3. Pauly, M. "Public Health Care and Health Insurance Reform — Varied Preferences, Varied Options." <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , 360 no. 22 (May 28, 2009): 2271-2273.

	<p>Steinbrook, R. "Easing the Shortage in Adult Primary Care — Is It All about Money?" <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i>, 360 no. 26 (June 25, 2009): 2696-2699.</p> <p>Zhang, Y., Donohue, J.M., Lave, J.R., O'Donnell, G., Newhouse, J.P. "The Effect of Medicare Part D on Drug and Medical Spending." <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i>, 361 no. 1 (July 2, 2009): 52-61.</p>
9/16/09 (3)	<p>Affordabililty and MA plan</p> <p>Bundorf, M.K., Pauly, M.V. "Is health insurance affordable for the uninsured?" <i>Journal of health economics</i>, 25 no. 4 (2006): 650-673.</p> <p>Gabel, J.R., Whitmore, H., Pickreign, J. "Report From Massachusetts: Employers Largely Support Health Care Reform, And Few Signs Of Crowd-Out Appear." <i>Health Affairs</i>, 27 no. 1 (2008): w13-w23.</p> <p>Glied, S.A. "Mandates and the Affordability of Health Care." <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 14545 (December 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w14545</p> <p>McDonough, J.E., Rosman, B., Butt, M., Tucker, L., Kaplan Howe, L. "Massachusetts Health Reform Implementation: Major Progress And Future Challenges." <i>Health Affairs</i>, doi 10.1377/hlthaff.27.4. (2008): w285-w297.</p>
9/23/09 (4)	<p>Medical Expenditures and Ties to Reducing Costs</p> <p>Buntin, M.B., Zaslavsky, A.M. "Too Much Ado About Two-Part Models and Transformation? Comparing Methods of Modeling Medicare Expenditures." <i>Journal of Health Economics</i>, 23 no. 3 (2004): 525-542.</p> <p>Cogan, J.F., Hubbard, R.G., Kessler, D.P. "The Effect of Tax Preferences on Health Spending." <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 13767 (January 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w13767</p> <p>Duan, N., Manning, W.G., Morris, C.N., Newhouse, J.P. "A Comparison of Alternative Models for the Demand for Medical Care." <i>Journal of Business & Economic Statistics</i>, 1 no. 2 (1983): 115-126.</p> <p>Kowalski, A.E. "Censored Quantile Instrumental Variable Estimates of the Price Elasticity of Expenditure on Medical Care." <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 15085 (June 2009), http://www.nber.org/papers/w15085</p> <p>Manning, W.G., Newhouse, J.P., Duan, N., Keeler, E.B., Leibowitz, A. "Health Insurance and the Demand for Medical Care: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment." <i>The American Economic Review</i>, 77 no. 3 (1987): 251-277.</p> <p>Mullahy, J. "Much Ado About Two: Reconsidering Retransformation and the Two-part Model in Health Econometrics." <i>Journal of Health Economics</i>, 17 no. 3 (1998): 247-281.</p>

9/30/09 (5)	Andrew Jones - topic to be announced
10/7/09 (6)	<p>Role of Technology</p> <p>Baicker, K., Chandra, A. "Medicare Spending, The Physician Workforce, And Beneficiaries' Quality Of Care." <i>Health Affairs</i>, (April 2004): 184-197.</p> <p>Berndt, E.R., Bir, A., Busch, S.H., Frank, R.G., Normand, S.T. "The Medical Treatment of Depression, 1991-1996: Productive Inefficiency, Expected Outcome Variations and Price Indexes." <i>Journal of Health Economics</i>, 21 no. 3 (May 2002): 373-396.</p> <p>Skinner, J., Staiger, D. "Technological Adoption from Hybrid Corn to Beta Blockers." <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 11251 (April 2005), http://www.nber.org/papers/w11251</p> <p>Skinner, J., Staiger, D. "Technology Diffusion and Productivity Growth in Health Care." <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 14865 (April 2009), http://www.nber.org/papers/w14865</p>
10/14/09 (7)	<p>Cost Effectiveness Studies</p> <p>Buxton, M. "Implications of the Appraisal Function of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE)." <i>Value in Health</i>, 4 no. 3 (December 23, 2001): 212-216.</p> <p>Cutler, D.M., McClellan, M. "Is Technological Change in Medicine Worth It?" <i>Health Affairs</i>, 20 no. 5 (September/October 2001): 11-29.</p> <p>Garber, A.M. "Advances in Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Health Interventions." In <i>Handbook of Health Economics</i>, Volume 1, ch. 4 (2000): 181-221. Edited by Culyer, A.J., Newhouse, J.P. North Holland: Elsevier B.V.</p> <p>Jena, A., Philipson, T. "Endogenous Cost-Effectiveness Analysis in Health Care Technology Adoption." <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 15032 (June 2009), http://www.nber.org/papers/w15032</p> <p>Raftery, J. "NICE: Faster Access to Modern Treatments? Analysis of Guidance on New Health Technologies." <i>British Medical Journal</i>, 323 (2001): 1300-1303.</p>
10/21/09 (8)	<p>ESI/Private Coverage</p> <p>Baicker, K., Chandra, A. "The Labor Market Effects of Rising Health Insurance Premiums." <i>Journal of Labor Economics</i>, 24 no. 3 (2006): 609-634.</p> <p>Bernard, D., Selden, T.M. "Employer Offers, Private Coverage, and the Tax Subsidy for Health Insurance: 1987 and 1996." <i>International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics</i>, 2 no. 4 (2002): 297-318.</p>

	<p>Buchmueller, T.C., Monheit, A.C. “Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance and the Promise of Health Insurance Reform.” <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 14839 (April 2009), http://www.nber.org/papers/w14839</p> <p>Cebul, R.D., Rebitzer, J.B., Taylor, L.J., Votruba, M.E. “Unhealthy Insurance Markets: Search Frictions and the Cost and Quality of Health Insurance.” <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 14455 (October 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w14455</p> <p>Gruber, J. “Covering the Uninsured in the US.” <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 13758 (January 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w13758</p> <p>LoSasso, A.T., Lurie, I.Z. “Community Rating and the Market for Private Non-Group Health Insurance,” <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 93 no. 1-2 (2009): 264-279.</p> <p>Price, R.H., Burgard, S.A. “The New Employment Contract and Worker Health in the United States.” In <i>Making Americans Healthier: Social and Economic Policy as Health Policy</i>, ch. 8 (2008): 201-227. Edited by Schoeni, R.F., House, J.S., Kaplan, G.A., Pollack, H. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.</p> <p>Selden, T.M., Gray, B.M. “Tax Subsidies for Employment-Related Health Insurance: Estimates for 2006.” <i>Health Affairs</i>, 25 no. 6 (2006): 1568-1579.</p>
<p>10/28/09 (9)</p>	<p>Organization of Care</p> <p>Barro, J., Beaulieu, N. “Selection and Improvement: Physician Responses to Financial Incentives.” <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 10017 (October 2003), http://www.nber.org/papers/w10017</p> <p>Bodenheimer, T. “Coordinating Care — A Perilous Journey through the Health Care System.” <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i>, 358 no. 10 (2008):1064-1071.</p> <p>Cebul, R.D., Rebitzer, J.B., Taylor, L.J., Votruba, M.E. “Organizational Fragmentation and Care Quality in the U.S. Healthcare System,” <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>, 22 no. 4 (2008): 93-113.</p> <p>Cebul, R., Herschman, R., Rebitzer, J.B., Taylor, L.J., Votruba, M. “Employer-Based Insurance Markets and Investments in Health.” Department of Economics, Weatherhead School, Case Western Reserve University. Forthcoming</p> <p>Fisher, E.S., McClellan, M.B., Bertko, J., Lieberman, S.M., Lee, J.J., Lewis, J.L., Skinner, J.S. “Fostering Accountable Health Care: Moving Forward In Medicare.” <i>Health Affairs</i>, doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.28.2.w219 (Published online January 27, 2009).</p> <p>Herring, B. “Suboptimal Coverage of Preventative Care Due to Expected Turnover among Private Insurers.” <i>Health Economics</i> (2009), doi: 10.1002/hec.1484</p>

	<p>Horwitz, J.R., Nichols, A. "Hospital Ownership and Medical Services: Market Mix; Spillover Effects; and Nonprofit Objectives." <i>Journal of Health Economics</i> (2008), doi:10.1016/j.jhealeco.2009.06.008</p> <p>Mehrotra, A., Wang, M.C., Lave, J.R., Adams, J.L., McGlynn, E.A. "Retail Clinics, Primary Care Physicians, And Emergency Departments: A Comparison Of Patients' Visits." <i>Health Affairs</i>, 27 no. 5 (2008): 1272-1282.</p> <p>Sloan, F.A., Shadle, J.H. "Is there empirical evidence for 'Defensive Medicine'? A Reassessment." <i>Journal of Health Economics</i>, 28 no. 2 (2009): 481-491.</p> <p>Wu, V.Y. "Managed Care's Price Bargaining with Hospitals." <i>Journal of Health Economics</i>, 28 no. 2 (2009): 350-360.</p>
<p>11/4/09 (10)</p>	<p>Provider Shortage?</p> <p>Chen, F.M., Fordyce, M.A., Andes, S., Hart, L.G. "U.S. Rural Physician Workforce: Analysis of Medical School Graduates from 1988-1997." <i>Rural Health Research Center</i> (2008): 1-10.</p> <p>Goodman, D.C., Fisher, E.S., Bronner, K.K. "Hospital and Physician Capacity Update." A Brief Report from the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care (2009): 1-20.</p> <p>Goodman, D.C., Fisher, E.S. "Physician workforce crisis? Wrong diagnosis, wrong prescription." <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i>, 358 no. 16 (2008):1658-1661.</p> <p>Goodman, D.C., Grumbach, K. "Does having more physicians lead to better health system performance?" <i>Journal of American Medical Association</i>, 299 no. 3 (2008): 335-337.</p> <p>Mistretta, M.J. "Differential Effects of Economic Factors on Specialist and Family Physician Distribution in Illinois: A County-Level Analysis." <i>Journal of Rural Health</i>. 23 no. 3 (2007): 215-221.</p>
<p>11/11/09 (11)</p>	<p>Competition?</p> <p>Dafny, L. "Are Health Insurance Markets Competitive?" <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 14572 (December 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w14572</p> <p>Dranove, D., Gron, A., Mazzeo, M.J. "Differentiation and Competition in HMO Markets," <i>Journal of Industrial Economics</i>, 51 no. 4 (2003): 433-454.</p> <p>Duggan, M. "Does Contracting Out Increase the Efficiency of Government Programs? Evidence from Medicaid HMOs." <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 88 (2004): 2549-2572.</p> <p>Duggan, M., Scott Morton, F. "The Effect of Medicare Part D on Pharmaceutical Prices and Utilization," <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 13917 (April 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w13917</p>

	<p>Levine, P.B., McKnight, R., Heep, S. “Public Policy, Health Insurance and the Transition to Adulthood.” <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 15114 (April 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w15114</p> <p>Scanlon, D.P., Chernew, M., Swaminathan, S., Woolton, L. “Competition in Health Insurance Markets: Limitations of Current Measures for Policy Analysis,” <i>Medical Care Research and Review</i>, 63 no. 6 (2006): 37S-55S.</p>
11/18/09 (12)	Discussion of Health Care Plans per assignment 1
11/25/09 (13)	<p>Comparisons Across States to Other Countries</p> <p>Barnato, A.E., Herndon, M.B., Anthony, D.L., Gallagher, P.M., Skinner, J.S., Bynum, J.P., Fisher, E.S. “Are Regional Variations in End-of-Life Care Intensity Explained by Patient Preferences? A Study of the U.S. Medicare Population.” <i>Medical Care</i>, 45 no. 5 (2007): 386-393.</p> <p>Cylus, J., Anderson, G.F. “Multinational Comparisons of Health Systems Data, 2006.” New York: The Commonwealth Fund, April. http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=482648</p> <p>Danzon, P.M., Furukawa, M.F. “International Prices and Availability of Pharmaceuticals In 2005.” <i>Health Affairs</i>, 27 no. 1 (2008): 221-233.</p> <p>Frank, R., Lamiraud, K. “Choice, Price Competition and Complexity in Markets for Health Insurance.” <i>NBER Working Paper Series</i>, no. 13817 (February 2008), http://www.nber.org/papers/w13817</p> <p>Garber, A.M., Skinner, J. “Is American Health Care Uniquely Inefficient?” <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>, 22 no. 4 (2008): 27-50.</p> <p>Rosenau, P.V., Lako, C.J. “An Experiment with Regulated Competition and Individual Mandates for Universal Health Care: The New Dutch Health Insurance System.” <i>Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law</i>, 33 no. 6 (2008): 1031-1055.</p> <p>Schubert, S., Schnabel, R. “Curing Germany’s Health Care System by Mandatory Health Premia?” <i>Journal of Health Economics</i> (2008), doi:10.1016/j.jhealeco.2009.06.005</p>
12/2/09 (14)	Session on assignment 2 (1)
12/9/09 (15)	<p>Session on assignment 2 (2)*</p> <p>We may reschedule this for a longer time period, perhaps during finals week.</p>

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