

**PPHA 37710**  
**Medicaid: Understanding the Public Policy of a Federal-State Partnership**  
**Spring 2019, Thursdays 5-7:50**  
**Harris School of Public Policy**

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This course will provide an understanding of the application of health policy and analysis through the lenses of the Medicaid program. The course will begin with an overview of health policy and public health policy analysis and evaluation as it relates to the administration of the Medicaid program, a federal-state partnership and the largest health insurance program in the U.S., covering millions of low-income individuals and families. State Medicaid programs have been an important locus of innovation and improvement in health care delivery and financing as well as health outcomes. This course will also provide in-depth view of Medicaid policies from birth to the end of life, covering maternal and child health, mental health, long-term care, among other topics. This will include highlights of many state program approaches and innovations with designing their programs, applying the policies and evaluating the outcomes.

**Week 1: Overview of Health Policy Analysis from the Medicaid Perspective**

Medicaid Primer

<https://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2010/06/7334-05.pdf>

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/5-key-questions-medicaid-block-grants-per-capita-caps/>

Health Policy Analysis: Framework and Tools for Success. John Seavey. pp. 1-40

<https://residency-scal-kaiserpermanente.org/healthpolicyelective/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2018/05/GW-Health-Policy-Analysis-Framework.pdf>

**Week 2: Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation and Health Equity**

Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health

<https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Medicaid%E2%80%99s-Role-in-Housing-.pdf>

A Roadmap for Promoting Health Equity and Eliminating Disparities: The Four I's for Health Equity pp 7-31. National Quality Forum

Andrew C. Anderson, Erin O'Rourke, Marshall H. Chin, Ninez A. Ponce, Susannah M. Bernheim, and Helen Burstin. Promoting Health Equity And Eliminating Disparities Through Performance Measurement And Payment. HEALTH AFFAIRS 37, NO. 3 (2018): 371–377.

### **Week 3: Maternal and Child Health**

<https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Pregnant-Women-and-Medicaid.pdf>

<https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Medicaid-Access-in-Brief-Children-and-Youth-with-Special-Health-Care-Need....pdf>

[https://hsrc.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=http://scholar.google.com/&httpsredir=1&article=1173&context=sphhs\\_centers\\_nhpf](https://hsrc.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=http://scholar.google.com/&httpsredir=1&article=1173&context=sphhs_centers_nhpf)

### **Week 4: Adult Coverage (Diabetes, Behavioral Health, Opioids)**

- Diabetes

[https://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/8383\\_d.pdf](https://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/8383_d.pdf)

- Behavioral Health

Medicaid Expansion: Behavioral Health Treatment Use in Selected States in 2014  
GAO-17-529: Jul 21, 2017.

Illinois Behavioral Health Demonstration

- Medicaid and the Opioid Crisis

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/federal-legislation-to-address-the-opioid-crisis-medicaid-provisions-in-the-support-act/>

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/the-opioid-epidemic-and-medicaid's-role-in-facilitating-access-to-treatment/>

### **Week 5: Allowing States Flexibility with Waivers of Federal Requirements**

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-waiver-tracker-approved-and-pending-section-1115-waivers-by-state/>

Medicaid Demonstrations: Evaluations Yielded Limited Results, Underscoring Need for Changes to Federal Policies and Procedures. GAO <https://www.gao.gov/assets/690/689506.pdf>

Medicaid Demonstrations: Approval Criteria and Documentation Need to Show How Spending Furthers Medicaid Objectives <https://www.gao.gov/assets/670/669582.pdf>

<https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Expanding-Medicaid-to-new-adult-group-Section-1115-waivers.pdf>

### **DECISION MEMOS DUE**

## **Week 6: The Latest Movement with the Medicaid Program -- Work Requirements**

Issue Brief: Implications of Work Requirements in Medicaid- What Does the Data Say? Kaiser Commission on Medicaid.

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/implications-of-work-requirements-in-medicaid-what-does-the-data-say/>

Issue Brief: A Look at November State Data for Medicaid Work Requirements in Arkansas

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/a-look-at-november-state-data-for-medicaid-work-requirements-in-arkansas/>

There's A Lot To Learn From State Medicaid Experiments, But Only If They're Carefully Evaluated

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20180314.287490/full/>

## **Week 7: Long-term Care**

Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services: Selected States' Program Structures and Challenges Providing Services <https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-18-628>

## **Week 8: Determining Health Outcomes for Medicaid Population – What are the Benefits of the Program?**

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/pdf/10.1377/hlthaff.2017.0331>

<https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/medicaid-works-millions-benefit-from-medicaid-effective-efficient-coverage>

## **Week 9: State Medicaid Program(s) Policy Analysis and Evaluation Presentations**

## **Week 10: State Medicaid Program(s) Policy Analysis and Evaluation Presentations**