

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Institute of Government and Public Affairs of the University of Illinois
The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

New Perspectives on Health and Health Care Policy
March 22-23, 2010

The Institute of Government and Public Affairs of the University of Illinois and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago are hosting a conference, "New Perspectives on Health and Health Care Policy," to be held March 22-23, 2010 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Submission Deadline: November 1, 2009

We invite scholars who are engaged all areas of health and health policy research to submit their work, though we are especially interested in topics that are under-researched or that present new ways to think about a particular problem. A few examples of priority research areas are:

- Cost shifting: What are the mechanisms by which hospitals shift costs between payers and what evidence is there to support claims that the uninsured impose significant costs on private payers?
- Prevention and primary care: What procedures and treatments are truly preventive and cost-effective, and does primary care deliver such treatment? Is primary care a substitute or complement with specialty and tertiary care?
- Insurance markets and competition: Is the health insurance market competitive? What effects would a so-called "public option" have on the private market? What effects would insurance market reform have on the long-term trajectory of health insurance costs and coverage?
- Early determinants of adult health: What is the relative importance of cognitive factors, non-cognitive factors and early health to adult health?
- Medical technology and research: What effect will comparative effectiveness research and electronic medical records have on the quality and cost of health care, and health?

The conference will include a panel discussion on the current state of health care policy that features David Cutler, Otto Eckstein Professor of Applied Economics in the Department of Economics and Kennedy School of Government; and Mark Pauly, Bendheim Professor and Professor of Health Care Systems, Business and Public Policy, Insurance and Risk Management, and Economics at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Selection Process:

Approximately 8-10 papers will be selected. The organizing committee will give priority to original research with direct public policy application. Participants will be selected on the basis of papers or extended abstracts of approximately 500 words. The conference will take place at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and will run from roughly 1pm on March 22 to 2pm on March 23. The conference will pay travel and lodging expenses for one author of each paper.

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Notification: November 15, 2009

Please email your submissions to: lubotsky@illinois.edu

Organizing Committee:

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