

## State-Level Health System and Coverage Reform Course Overview and Syllabus

Description: Overview of the state initiatives in health care coverage, access, and costs, trends in the public and private sectors, and current issues and debates about reform nationally and in Wisconsin.

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Grading System: A-F  
Prerequisites: None

### Format

Independent reading over an eight week summer period, along with weekly group meetings with instructor to discuss each area of focus.

This directed independent reading course includes a weekly 75-minute discussion session conducted for each of the 8 weeks. Enrolled students and the instructor convene to discuss each week's topic and readings. Students will be expected to attend at least four of the eight discussions or they will not be graded for the course.

Objectives: Students will be able to

1. identify three roles that states play in health care policy;
2. describe the Medicaid program, populations, and trends in coverage;
3. describe trends in private insurance coverage and the uninsured.
4. explain the relationship between federal law and state health insurance reform;
5. describe three elements of the federal 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and a state option for implementation.
6. identify and describe two state-based reforms underway in Wisconsin's health care industry.

### Topics/Readings

The Big Picture on Health Costs and the Evidence  
Role of States in Health Care Policy  
Medicaid, BadgerCare and the Uninsured  
Private Health Insurance and Trends  
Quality, Price and Implications for Reform  
The federal 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
Current State-Level Trends and Health Reforms

The Syllabus includes a variety of reading materials and on-line materials. It also includes “next level optional reading” for those interested in delving more deeply into a particular topic or plan to explore that topic for a final project. The amount of reading is not spread evenly throughout each section. Students will need to independently pace their preparation in order to complete all assigned materials prior to the end of class. The weekly discussions will focus on the topics in the order listed above, but may range into any of the topics in the syllabus.

## Reading Materials, Webcasts and Tutorials

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Details: <http://www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10177.pdf>

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## **Final Class Project - All students**

Consider Wisconsin's current approaches pertaining to one of the following

- Medicaid/BadgerCare
- Implementation of the PPACA
- Creating health insurance purchasing exchanges
- Private sector health delivery reforms

Prepare a briefing document (brief!) for your boss, the Co-Chair of the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee, to inform her or him about these initiatives, the public policy considerations involved, what questions/challenges the leader should be prepared to address in the coming 6-12 months. Include consideration of the following elements:

1. Summary of issues.
2. What it is intended to achieve (objectives), in terms of cost, coverage, access, and quality.
3. How the reform fits with the state role and federal role in health policy.
4. What is the role of the public sector?
5. What is the role of the private sector?
6. Pro – upside – to current approach.
7. Con – downside – to current approach.
8. Supporters and detractors – who stands where?
9. Your assessment and recommendation – support, oppose, change direction – and why.

This document should be no longer than 5 pages, single-space but with two spaces between paragraphs, in 12-point font. Use bullet lists and easy-to-read tables, anticipating that it will be read quickly or just skimmed.

- Include references all sources.
- Include reference to the material in the course syllabus and to at least one other source (scholarly, newspaper or other media, or other).
- Provide reasoned, evidence-based concluding thoughts.

### **Final paper review and due dates:**

First drafts of the paper will undergo peer review by other students in the class.

First draft will be due to peer reviewer on Monday, August 5.

The peer reviewer will return their comments to you by Friday, August 9.

You will then submit your final paper to me by Wednesday, August, 14.

**Sources for research and further reading**

<http://uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu/healthPolicy/sources.htm>

**Grading**

**1 credit:** Final paper: 60% Discussions/Participation 40%

**Attendance:** Modifiable by a half grade based on degree and nature of participation.

7-8 sessions = A 6 sessions = AB 5 session= B 4 sessions = C

**Paper Grading Rubric**

- 4 = Excellent; Shows extra effort, unique insight, significant thought, and/or very strong grasp of the material.
- 3 = Very Good. Shows effort, insight, and thought, and/or strong grasp of the material.
- 2 = Acceptable. Fulfilled minimal expectations of the criteria.
- 1 = Poor. Does not meet the acceptations of the criteria.
- 0 = No effort demonstrated.

A: 3.8-4.0 AB: 3.3-3.7 B: 2.7-3.2 BC: 2.3-2.6 C: 1.8-2.2

Criteria: Final Paper	Grade
Followed instructions 5 pages, single space, 12 point font Easy-to read tables	
Included authoritative citations	
Summary of the initiative.	
What it is intended to achieve (objectives), in terms of cost, coverage, access, and quality.	
How the proposed reform fits with the state role and the federal role in health policy.	
What is the role of the public sector?	
What is the role of the private sector?	
Pro – upside – to legislative proposal.	
Con – downside – to legislative proposal.	
Supporters and detractors – who stands where?.	
Your assessment and recommendation – support, oppose, change direction – and why.	
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