

Course ID	Course Description	Course Objectives
<p>EMMM 6550 Dynamics of Payment Systems: Policy and Function</p>	<p>This course is designed to examine how selected providers of health care services have been, are, and will be paid for these services by both public and private third-party payers, with special emphasis on Medicare as the largest payer.</p> <p>Topics include (1) a review of the macro-economic environment within which alternative payment systems have evolved and continue to evolve; (2) payment mechanisms for (a) institutional acute and post-acute care and (b) physician care; (3) regulatory processes determining payment for services in entitlement programs; (4) policy objectives furthered or impeded by public sector and private sector payment mechanisms; and (5) analysis of provider responses to payment system incentives.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the economic structure of the U.S. health care sector, including identification of the major sources of funds and the way in which those funds are distributed across the spectrum of health care uses. 2. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic functioning of fee-for service payment, cost-based reimbursement, prospective payment including the nature of classification groups (for example, DRGs), physician payment under RBRVS fee schedules, capitation systems including the use of risk pools and withholds, and interaction among these in mixed payment mode settings. 3. Identify the factors in both public-sector and private-sector payment systems which may further or hinder various public policy objectives. 4. Predict or recommend provider behavior in response to explicit or implicit incentives in payment systems.