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| <p>HSMG 7660 Health Policy Analysis</p> | <p>The primary aim of this elective course is to present an overview of health policy in American government – its scope, its dynamics, and its conceptual and practical dilemmas – to students relatively new to the study of policy. More concretely, the course is designed to acquaint students with major issues involved in formulating, implementing and assessing those patterns of decision (i.e., policy) established by government. Because the study of policy is essentially interdisciplinary, readings for the course have been drawn from several fields, including sociology, political science, and economics. Since we are all students of health policy in some manner, most of the readings are related to health issues. The study of public policy is the study of the nature and consequences of governmental decision, and, as such, it covers a wide range of sub-fields and issues. In one semester this course can only highlight some of the interests of scholars in the field. It is hoped that some of your reading and thinking here will stimulate you to want to do more.</p> <p>Specific areas of consideration will be addressed during the seminar through our analysis and discussion of the functions of the government at state and local levels and various stakeholder groups that attempt to influence governmental action.</p> <p>This course will be conducted as a graduate seminar in a highly participatory format. Please note that you are asked to prepare your own set of supplementary readings on the key topics of managed care and Medicare/Medicaid (including Medicare prescription drug benefit) for the weeks March 31-April 7.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exhibit a conceptual understanding of the forces and factors accounting for legislation and regulation pertaining to health services. 2. Develop a framework to critically discuss and evaluate whether the “market” in health services is or is not a policy issue. 3. Compare and contrast the public policy objectives of Medicare and Medicaid and the private insurance sector with the realities of the political process. 4. Critically evaluate the research literature that examines the federal and state role in health services. 5. Evaluate current proposals advanced in Congress and by the private sector which impact upon health services delivery. 6. Demonstrate a working understanding of private insurance, and federal and state regulation that oversees it. The objective is to provide students with the necessary institutional and evaluative tools that can be applied within a private insurance organization or health delivery organization as well as government. 7. Examine the development and regulation of the private insurance market over the past 20 years. 8. Demonstrate competence in presentation of model congressional testimony developed by the student and presented to peers. |

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| | <p>Application of the impact of policy on one's own career as a health manager must be done by the student through syntheses of the concepts presented in this course with her/his management style and strategies.</p> | |
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