

Type: Article Review

Subject: Practicum in Health Policy

Subject area: Nursing

Education Level: Masters Program

Length: 2 pages

Referencing style: APA

Preferred English: US English

Spacing Option: Double

Title: Health policy class - must watch a Guidelines for the Health Policy Event Assignment In Weeks 2–7, you must virtually attend a policy event that is at least approximately 1 hour or longer in length, related to the week's topic. Virtual health policy events are posted for each weekly module from which you may choose.- any one if writers choice is fine must relate to topic of week which is Health insurance and we have been talking about Medicare for all - see additional instructions

Instructions: policy log guidelines as a way of demonstrating completion of this course requirement, you must submit, in writing, a policy log that detail certain aspects of each event. • each event log should be 2–3 double-spaced pages of text. • provide only a brief summary of the topic being discussed (3–5 sentences). • your analysis section should be 500 to 750 words and be the most developed component of the report. in the analysis section, you can write about the process of policy being made at this event, and/or you can write about the actual health policy issue being discussed/considered. this should primarily be your analysis, and if you refer to an analysis made by an event participant, make that clear in your log. your analysis should include new information that goes beyond what was discussed in the event. • your analysis should integrate course content and readings. reference at least two sources from the learning materials in this course or other sources which may include scholarly sources, health policy reports or recent media articles. • use apa format for citations and references must use these headers for paper format after watching a one hour policy event you must analyze it your analysis!!!! use these headings in your policy logs! • name, sponsor, link to the event • place, date, length of the event • names of participants and their titles • brief summary of the topic discussed • my analysis of the health policy issue and its implications for health care if you need links to policy invents let me know asap

**Health Policy Class**

Name

Institutional Affiliation

Course

Instructor

Date

Name: The Future of National Health Insurance

Sponsor: Harvard Chan School and Independent News Media

Link to event: <https://theforum.sph.harvard.edu/events/the-future-of-national-health-insurance/>

Place: The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Date: Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

Length of event: 59 min 22 seconds

### **Names of participants and their titles:**

**Robert Blendon:** Richard L. Menschel Professor of Public Health and Professor of Health Policy and Political Analysis, Emeritus

**Phil Ellis:** President, Ellis Health Policy, Inc.

**Sara Collins:** Vice President, Health Care Coverage & Access, the Commonwealth Fund

**John McDonough:** Professor of the Practice of Public Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**Adam Gaffney:** Instructor in Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Pulmonary and Critical Care Specialist, Cambridge Health Alliance; President of Physicians for a National Health Program

### **Brief summary of the topic discussed**

The Democratic Presidential debates have developed two different initiatives for the future of national insurance health coverage in the United States. One of the proposed health

insurance initiatives is based on the Affordable Care Act that was passed in 2010 by including further changes such as enabling the U.S. citizens to purchase Medicare coverage voluntary or use other public health option plan. The second proposal is to develop a new, all-governmental health insurance plan i.e. Medicare for all (Graves & Nikpay, 2017). The forum aimed at evaluating major issues and implications faced by U.S. citizens in attempt to choose the best health care coverage path to follow. The forum played critical focus on the outcome of the recent poll from various sources like the New York Times, Commonwealth fund and Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health (The future of national health insurance, 2020). The national experts also engaged in evaluating the economic, practical and political issues surrounding health insurance initiatives in 2020 as well as their potential effects on healthcare for the U.S. citizens.

### **Analysis of the issue**

During the 2012 U.S. presidential election, the issue of health care was beginning to gain insight among the politicians and voters. Since then, the issue of health care has occupied a high rank becoming number one concern particularly among the democratic voters. Some panelist like Bennie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren strongly support the version of democrats- Medicare for all proposal claiming that the plan would provide government-universal healthcare care to every citizen with no co-payments and non-deductibles (Graves & Nikpay, 2017). On the other hand, there democrats like Peter Buttigie and Joe Biden who are proposing an expensive health plan where citizens are required to purchase their cover plan directly from the government. Another important healthcare coverage plan is that Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren that aims at reducing taxes among the middle class population by enabling them to be included in the Medicare for all. The plan was planned to cost the government a total of \$20.5 trillion in a

period of 10 years and save the middle class households more than \$11 trillion (The future of national health insurance, 2020).

### **Implications for health care**

In the event that the U.S. citizens are placed in a position to the best healthcare plan, they are left in a dilemma given that they are promised that the three coverage are beneficial given that they are either improving the ACA, Medicare for all and/ or replacing the ACA with a state based health plan. Although the plans are meant to favor the middle class from paying high premiums, the ACA people are more favorable to employer insurance than people who choose Medicare for all. And the Medicare for all people are more worried about at a personal level, their personal health care costs in the future (Graves & Nikpay, 2017). This implies that U.S. citizens who favor Medicare for all are much more critical about the economic system of United States compared to those in favor of ACA who seems to be more positive about the U.S. economic system. Nonetheless, the two versions will lead to significant development in healthcare systems (The future of national health insurance, 2020).

References

Graves, J. A., & Nikpay, S. S. (2017). The changing dynamics of US health insurance and implications for the future of the Affordable Care Act. *Health Affairs*, 36(2), 297-305.

The future of national health insurance. (2020, May 4). Retrieved from <https://theforum.sph.harvard.edu/events/the-future-of-national-health-insurance/>