## **Syllabus**

Benefits and Social Insurance 38:578:520:01 37:575:375:01

Spring 2012 Tuesday 12:35pm to 3:35pm Hickman Hall Room 129 Professor: Jeffrey H. Keefe

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## **Textbooks: Order Online**

Paul Starr. 2011. *Remedy and Reaction: The Peculiar American Struggle over Health Care Reform*. Yale University Press (October 25, 2011) ISBN-10: 0300171099

<u>Understanding Health Policy.</u> (Paperback). 2008. Thomas S. Bodenheimer and Kevin Grumbach. Lange -- McGraw-Hill Medical; 5th edition (August 18, 2008) ISBN: 0071496068

**Prerequisites:** Access to Sakai, basic knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Internet Explorer, and Rutgers Net Id and Password.

Grades:

All readings should be completed prior to the date noted on the syllabus There will be several required submitted assignments, a mid-term exam, a final exam, and an optional research project paper. Due dates and deadlines are firm. Unless you can get *prior appr* 

*oval*, each day late costs you a letter grade. You should e-mail all your written assignments and project.

# Grading weights are as follows:

Assignments, Quizzes, and Presentations	30%
Weekly Class Attendance & Participation	10%
Mid-Term Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%

Class 1. Introduction to Benefits and Social Insurance in the United States
Jan 17

2010 – 50 Million Americans without health insurance – Should health insurance be an American right?

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Video Sicko

# Class 2. Introduction to the US Private-Public Welfare State Jan 24

Price Fishback and Shawn Everett Kantor. Prelude to the Welfare State: The Adoption of Workers' Compensation in the United States, 1900-1930."
 Working Paper 5840. National Bureau of Economic Research.

# Starr, Paul (2011). <u>Remedy and Reaction: The Peculiar American Struggle over</u> <u>Health Care Reform</u>. Yale University Press

 Introduction: An Uneasy Victory The Making of a National Impasse A Window for Reform Choices and Vulnerabilities

#### PART I. THE GENEALOGY OF HEALTH-CARE REFORM

• Chapter 1 Evolution through Defeat Progressive Health Insurance, 1915–1919 The New Deal and National Health Insurance, 1935–1950 The Growth of the Protected Public, 1950–1965

#### Class 3: Health Care Reform or Deadlock?

Jan 31

# Starr, Paul (2011). <u>Remedy and Reaction: The Peculiar American Struggle over</u> <u>Health Care Reform</u>. Yale University Press

• 2 Stumbling toward Comprehensive Reform Political Deadlock, 1969–1980 Political Reversals, 1981–1990 The American Path in Health Insurance

### PART II. FRUSTRATED AMBITIONS, LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE

- 3 The Shaping of the Clinton Health Plan, 1991–1993 A New Framework Clinton's Decisions
- 4 Getting to No, 1994 The Democrats' Disorder The Big Turnabout The Collapse of Congressional Compromise Why No Reform?

#### Class 4: Health Care Deadlock

Feb 7

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Starr, Paul (2011). <u>Remedy and Reaction: The Peculiar American Struggle over</u> <u>Health Care Reform</u>. Yale University Press

5 Comes the Counterrevolution, 1995–2006 Gingrich and the End of Entitlements From Bold Leaps to Baby Steps A Republican Window Return to Crisis

#### PART III. ROLLERCOASTER

6 The Rise of a Reform Consensus, 2006–2008 Romney and the Massachusetts Model Toward Minimally Invasive Reform Making 2008 a Health-Care Election Prepare to Launch

7 Breaking Through, 2009–2010 Health Care First Bipartisanship in One Party Reaction and Resolve Obama and the Rollercoaster to Reform Why Health-Care Reform Passed (and Climate Legislation Didn't)

#### **Class 5. Health Care Reform?**

Feb 14

8 The Affordable Care Act as Public Philosophy and Equality Responsibility and Freedom Federalism and Finance Health and the Public Household

9 Reform's Uncertain Fate Political Backlash and the Courts The Peculiar Struggle

# Class 6. The Health Care System, Medicare, and Medicaid Feb 21

- <u>Understanding Health Policy.</u>(Paperback). 2004. Thomas S. Bodenheimer and Kevin Grumbach. McGraw-Hill Medical; 4th edition. Chapters 1-9 pp. 1-92
- Lawrence Brown and Michael Sparer. "Medicaid and Medicare: The Unanticipated Politics of Public Insurance Programs pp. 76-92. <u>The Social Medicine Reader</u>, Second Edition: Vol. 3: Health Policy, Markets, and Medicine (Paperback) by Jonathan Oberlander (Editor), Larry P. Churchill (Editor), Sue E. Estroff, Gail E. Henderson, Nancy M. P. King, Ronald P. Strauss. Duke University Press; 2nd edition (2005).
  - BRIEF SUMMARIES of MEDICARE & MEDICAID Title XVIII and Title XIX of The Social Security Act as of November 1, 2006. Office of

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the Actuary, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### March 1

Class 7 Illness Prevention, Quality of Health Care, and Ethics

- <u>Understanding Health Policy.</u>(Paperback). 2004. Thomas S. Bodenheimer and Kevin Grumbach. McGraw-Hill Medical; 4th edition. Chapters 11-15
- "Five Years After To Err Is Human What Have We Learned?" Lucian L. Leape and Donald M. Berwick. *JAMA*, May 18, 2005—Vol 293, No. 19.

#### March 8

Class 9 The Future of Health Insurance and Health Care.

• <u>Understanding Health Policy.</u>(Paperback). 2004. Thomas S. Bodenheimer and Kevin Grumbach. McGraw-Hill Medical; 4th edition. Chapters 11-1

## March 12 Spring Break

#### **Mid-term Exam**

March 29 Class 10. Pension Basics

# Class 15. May 3 Final Exam