

# HEALTH POLICY forum

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Economics Conference (AHEC)  
Thursday – Friday, October 16-17, 2014  
Dore Commons, Baker Institute for Public Policy

## Agenda

### *General Presentation Timeline:*

Sessions will last approximately 50 minutes. Speakers will present for 35 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of questions from the discussant and 5 minutes for general questions.

### *Thursday, October 16, 2014*

#### Session 1: Medicare Reform

Moderator: Vivian Ho (Rice University's Baker Institute)

- 8:15 a.m. BREAKFAST
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome & Introduction  
Vivian Ho (Rice University's Baker Institute)
- 9:30 a.m. "Does Privatized Health Insurance Benefit Patients or Producers? Evidence from Medicare Advantage"  
*Authors:* Marika Cabral (University of Texas at Austin, *presenting*), Michael Geruso (University of Texas at Austin), and Neale Mahoney (University of Chicago)  
*Discussant:* Jason Abaluck (Yale University)
- 10:20 a.m. "The Impact of Consumer Inattention on Insurer Pricing in the Medicare Part D Program"  
*Authors:* Kate Ho (Columbia University, *presenting*), Joseph Hogan (Columbia University), and Fiona Scott Morton (Yale University)  
*Discussant:* John Romley (University of Southern California)  
Paper not available online.
- 11:10 a.m. BREAK
- 11:30 a.m. "Upcoding or Selection? Evidence from Medicare on Squishy Risk Adjustment"  
*Authors:* Michael Geruso (Harvard University, University of Texas at Austin) and Timothy Layton (Harvard Medical School, *presenting*)  
*Discussant:* Colleen Carey (University of Michigan)
- 12:20 p.m. LUNCH

## Session 2: Improving Health Outcomes

Moderator: Aimee Chin (University of Houston)

- 1:30 p.m.      **“Can Walmart make us healthier? The effect of market forces on health care utilization”**  
*Author:* Florencia Borrescio Higa (Universidad Adolfo Ibañez)  
*Discussant:* Sarah Axeen (University of Southern California)
- 2:20 p.m.      **“The Long-Term Effect of Health Insurance on Near-Elderly Health and Mortality”**  
*Authors:* Bernard Black (Northwestern University), José-Antonio Espin-Sánchez (Yale University, *presenting*), Eric French (University College London, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), and Kate Litvak (Northwestern University)  
*Discussant:* Michael Geruso (University of Texas at Austin)
- 3:10 p.m.      BREAK
- 3:30 p.m.      **“Physicians versus Midwives: Returns to Childbirth Technologies for Low-Risk Births”**  
*Authors:* N. Meltem Daysal (University of Southern Denmark, IZA), Mircea Trandafir (University of Southern Denmark, *presenting*), and Reyn van Ewijk (University Medical Centre Mainz, University of Mainz)  
*Discussant:* Kitt Carpenter (Vanderbilt University)  
Paper not available online.

## Session 3: Health Insurance

Moderator: Laura Dague (Texas A&M University)

- 4:20 p.m.      **“Moral Hazard in Health Insurance Expansions: Liquidity or Distortion?”**  
*Author:* Matthew Niedzwiecki (University of California Berkeley, *presenting*)  
*Discussant:* Bernard Black (Northwestern University)  
Paper not available online.
- 5:10 p.m.      BREAK, Return to Hotel
- 5:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.      Buses leave Hotel for Dinner at The Grove, Discovery Green
- 6:00 p.m.      Reception (outside on back patio near Primavera Room)
- 6:30 p.m.      Reception concludes; guests move into Primavera room for Dinner.
- 7:20 p.m.      Remarks  
Chuck Phelps, Founding member of AHEC
- 8:30 p.m.      Buses return to Hotel

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### **Session 3: Health Insurance (cont'd)**

Moderator: Laura Dague (Texas A&M University)

8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. **“The Effect of High-Deductible Health Plans on Consumer Health Spending”**  
*Authors:* Zarek Brot-Goldberg (University of California Berkeley), Amitabh Chandra (Harvard University), Benjamin Handel (University of California Berkeley), and Jonathan Kolstad (University of Pennsylvania, *presenting*)  
*Discussant:* Gautam Gowrisankaran (University of Arizona)  
Paper not available online.

9:20 a.m. **“The Effect of Health Insurance Subsidy on Mortality for Low Income Individuals”**  
*Authors:* Martin Andersen (Johns Hopkins University, *presenting*), Mark Duscheiko (University of York), and Simona Grassi (University of Lausanne)  
*Discussant:* Kosali Simon (Indiana University)  
Paper not available online.

10:10 a.m. BREAK

### **Session 4: Moral Hazard and Price Transparency**

Moderator: Ellerie Weber (University of Texas School of Public Health)

10:30 a.m. **“Moral Hazard in Search: Evidence from the Market for Health Care”**  
*Author:* Ethan Lieber (University of Notre Dame, *presenting*)  
*Discussant:* Ashley Swanson (University of Pennsylvania)  
Paper not available online.

11:20 a.m. LUNCH/PLENARY

**“The Past and Future of Health Economics Research”**  
*Panelists:* Karen Davis (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health) and Amitabh Chandra (Harvard Kennedy School of Government)  
*Moderator:* Chuck Phelps (Founding member of AHEC)

1:00 p.m. **“Moral Hazard and Adverse Selection in Private Health Insurance”**  
*Authors:* David Powell (Rand, *presenting*) and Dana Goldman (University of Southern California)  
*Discussant:* James Marton (Georgia State University)

1:50 p.m. **“The Effects of Price Transparency Regulation on Prices in the Healthcare Industry”**  
*Authors:* Hans B. Christensen (University of Chicago), Eric Floyd (University of Chicago/Rice University, *presenting*), and Mark Maffett (University of Chicago)  
*Discussant:* Peter Huckfeldt (Rand/University of Minnesota)

2:45 p.m. CONCLUSION  
Vivian Ho (Rice University’s Baker Institute)