GOAL: By the end of the course you should be able to describe 2 – 3 approaches to policy analysis; what is involved in conducting policy analysis; what can be learned from such a study; and how the results from a policy analysis can be used.

Week 1:
Introduction, student goals, review of course outline

Week 2:
Organization and financing of the US Health Care System

Understanding health policy: a clinical approach
Thomas Bodenheimer, Kevin Grumbach.
Author: Bodenheimer, Thomas
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Chapter 1 Introduction: The Paradox of Excess and Deprivation
Chapter 2 Paying for Health Care
Chapter 3 Access to Health Care
Chapter 4 Reimbursing Health Care Providers
Chapter 5 How Health Care Is Organized—I: Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Care
Chapter 6 How Health Care Is Organized—I: Health Delivery Systems
Chapter 10 Quality of Health Care
Chapter 11 Prevention of Illness
Chapter 12 Long-Term Care
Chapter 14 Health Care in Four Nations
Chapter 15 Health Care Reform and National Health Insurance
Chapter 16 Conflict and Change in America’s Health Care System
Chapter 17 Conclusion: Tensions and Challenges
**Week 3**
Overview of policies and programs that impact child health care within the context of the larger, US adult focused system;
   Children’s Health Nation’s Wealth (IoM) (2004)
   This PDF is available at no cost from the National Academies Press at:
   http://www.nap.edu/catalog/10886.html

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Health and welfare for families in the 21st century  Wallace 2nd edition. SSI,CSHCN

Focusing on children’s health: Community approaches to addressing health disparities:
   Workshop summary. (2009)

**Week 4 & 5**
Qualitative and quantitative methods for conducting policy analysis;


   “Policy design and the politics of implementation: the case of child health care in the American states” (Coggin) Part I (p 1 – 47) & Appendix A


**Week 6 – 8**
Analysis of the design, implementation, and outcomes of the Medicaid & SCHIP Programs;

   “Policy design and the politics of implementation: the case of child health care in the American states” (Coggin, 1987) Part 2 - 4 (p 50 – 211)


**Week 9 No Class Break**

**Week 10 – 11**
Analysis of the design, implementation, and outcomes of National Agenda for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

America's Children: Health Insurance and Access to Care (1996) (Describes policy context and table of activities that took place during review of Clinton Health Plan and discussion of children as a high-priority population.)

Health and welfare for families in the 21st century  Wallace 2nd edition (Selected chapters)

**Week 12**
Brief presentation of paper topics

**Week 13 – 14**
Continue of analysis of the design, implementation, and outcomes of National Agenda for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

**Week 15 – 16**
Presentations by students (draft paper)

**Paper due:**

**Grading:** weekly journal entry (1 page or so) that reflects your thoughts-reactions to the readings (reflections on how material added to, challenged, confirmed your thinking about the content area);

**Class participation**, including leading the discussion about an assigned reading;

**Final paper** (10-15 pages) on a child health policy topic of your choice. Paper should be relevant to your plan of study – for example, Examine policy initiatives to prevent a specific high risk behavior (smoking, for example); and review how policy to reduce smoking is implemented (who get what from whom; who provides what to whom; under what circumstances; in order to achieve what measurable outcomes; forces and factors that impede and promote policy implementation (“follow the money”); what organizations and professions are included (and excluded) in policy development and implementation; what outcomes the policy initiative was supposed to bring about; etc.

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