

ELLEN MONTZ

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EDUCATION

PhD in Health Care Economics, 2017

Harvard University

Concentration: Economics

Dissertation: Health insurer pricing and consumer choice behavior in ACA Marketplaces

B.A. in Political Science, 2005

B.A. in Molecular and Cell Biology, 2005

Rice University

Master of Public Affairs, 2009

The University of Texas at Austin

Professional Report: Medicare Low-Income Programs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Deputy

Dec 2019-Present

Virginia Medicaid Agency, Richmond, VA

- Lead the Virginia Medicaid program for over 1.7 million low-income Virginians. The agency employs 750 full-time, wage and contract employees with an annual operating budget of over \$16 billion.
- Successfully expanded Medicaid to over 500,000 Virginians.
- Lead agency priority projects, including COVID-19 response, Medicaid enrollment system redesign, managed care contract reform, value-based purchasing, facilitated enrollment with state-based Marketplace, and population-level reforms focused on health equity and maternal health.

Chief Health Economist

Jan 2018-Present

Virginia Medicaid Agency, Richmond, VA

- Oversee the design and development of the policy and analytics strategy for the agency. Established three new divisions for the agency-- Value Based Purchasing, Quality and Population Health, and Data Analytics.
- Provide leadership for large, complex health care payment policies and programs to capture the efficiency and value of both the Fee-For-Service and Medicaid Managed Care Programs.
- Built a staff of over 30 employees with a focus on bringing the analytic skills necessary to drive data- and evidence-informed policy in state government.

Senior Fellow

Jan 2017-Feb 2018

The Century Foundation, Washington, D.C.

- Produced health care commentary and research as an academic fellow for the policy research institute.
- Provided technical assistance to the health care policy community on issues relating to private market health insurance and Medicaid.

Policy Advisor

April 2011-Sept. 2013

White House Domestic Policy Council, Office of Health Reform, Washington, D.C.

- Managed private insurance market coverage, Medicaid, and health care tax portfolio.
- Formulated policy options and analysis for executive, budgetary, and regulatory policy priorities.
- Oversaw implementation of Marketplaces, insurance market reforms, tax, and Medicaid provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

Professional Staff

June 2010-April 2011

Senate Committee on Finance, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

- Managed private insurance market coverage portfolio and formulated policy options for legislative priorities.
- Oversaw implementation of coverage provisions in the Affordable Care Act by the administration.
- Prepared policy papers, briefings, speeches, and memos for the Chairman.

Presidential Management Fellow (Program Analyst)

June 2009-June 2010

Office of Health Reform, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.

- Conducted research and policy analysis on health insurance and tax provisions of the Affordable Care Act with a focus on Medicaid, private market insurance reforms and tax credits.
- Provided technical assistance during health reform debate to Congress and the White House.
- Composed reports published on healthreform.gov to inform the public and stakeholders about health insurance reform.

Analyst

2008

Health Division, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C.

- Composed transition white papers assessing the current state of the low-income Medicare beneficiary population and programmatic recommendations. Papers detailed beneficiary demographics and enrollment in the Medicare Savings Programs, the Part-D Low Income Subsidy, and Medicare Advantage.
- Assisted in the mid-session baseline review for the Medicare program and participated in the development of a new error rate measurement for Medicare Advantage.

BOARDS AND WORKGROUPS

Vice Chair, Virginia All Payer Claims Database Board, Virginia
 Ex-Officio Member, Virginia State-based Marketplace Advisory Board
 Vice-Chair, MODRN, Academy Health
 Member, Governor’s Workgroup on Facilitate Enrollment, Virginia
 Member, Governor’s Primary Care Workgroup, Virginia
 Member, Governor’s Workgroup on Individual Market Stabilization, Virginia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Teaching Fellow
The Economics of Health Care Policy, Harvard University, Kennedy School | Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2017 |
| Teaching Fellow
The Business and Economics of Health Care, Harvard College | Sept. 2015 – May 2015 |
| Graduate Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Molecular Biology, The University of Texas at Austin | Aug. 2007 – Jan. 2009 |

ACADEMIC WORKS

- Montz EJ et al. (June 2016). "Risk Adjustment Simulation: Plans May Have Incentives to Distort Mental Health and Substance Use Coverage," Health Affairs. vol. 25 no.61022-1028
- Layton, Montz, and Shepard. "Health Plan Payment in US Marketplaces: Regulated Competition with a Weak Mandate," NBER Working Paper.
- Shrestha, Berquist, Montz, and Rose. "Mental Health Risk Adjustment with Clinical Categories and Machine Learning," Health Services Research. January 2018.
- Montz EJ. (May 2009). "Medicare Low-Income Programs: Providing Access to High Quality Affordable –Health Care to the Medicare Beneficiary Population," Professional Report. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.
- Shinawi M, Montz E, and Stevenson R. (June 2006) "Analysis of Eipgenetic Control of MECP2 in Autism," Montreal, Canada: International Meeting for Autism Research.