

## Health Insurance Today Chapter 4

On 21 October 2017, President Trump issued Executive Order (E.O.) 13813, entitled "Promoting Healthcare Choice and Competition Across the United States." E.O. 13813 generally aims "to facilitate the purchase of insurance across state lines and the development and operation of a healthcare system that provides high-quality care at affordable prices for the American people." Chapter 1 answers frequently asked questions (FAQs) about E.O. 13813 and subsequent rulemaking and provides background information about AHPs, STLDI, and HRAs. The individual insurance market is 18 million Americans. It is those Americans who are getting hammered the most by the higher premiums and the higher co-pays and deductibles. Chapter 2 focuses on addressing high-cost individuals through reinsurance; continuing the cost-sharing reduction payments; and third, more flexibility for States. Enrollment in private health insurance plans continued to be concentrated among a small number of issuers. A highly concentrated health insurance market may indicate less competition and could affect consumers' choice of issuers and the premiums they pay. Chapter 3 describes changes in the concentration of enrollment among issuers in overall individual, small group, and large group markets, and individual and small group exchanges. A majority of Americans have health insurance from the private health insurance (PHI) market. The first part of chapter 4 provides background information about health plans sold in the PHI market and briefly describes state and federal regulation of private plans. The second part summarizes selected federal requirements and indicates each requirement's applicability to one or more of the following types of private health plans: individual, small group, large group, and self-insured.

In this book, you'll learn how financial planning works. You'll learn to take stock of your current financial situation, set goals and a course of action, and then evaluating those strategies. This book will teach you how to put your financial plan into action, and then review and revise that plan as necessary. This step-by-step guide will prepare you for any future financial planning as well. This book contains the following topics that will guide you through the path of Financial Planning And Analysis.

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chapters describing the health plan payment system in 14 countries and sectors around the world, including Australia, Belgium, Chile, China, Columbia, Germany, Ireland, Israel, the Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland and the United States. Authors discuss the evolution of these payment schemes, along with ongoing reforms and key lessons on the design of health plan payment. Provides a conceptual toolkit that describes the goals, design and evaluation of health plan payment systems in the context of policy paradigms, such as efficiency, affordability, fairness and avoidance of risk selection Brings together international experience from many different countries that apply regulated competition in different ways Delivers a practical toolkit for the evaluation of health plan payment modalities from the standpoint of efficiency and fairness

Financial Planning And Analysis For Future : In this book, you'll learn how financial planning works. You'll learn to take stock of your current financial situation, set goals and a course of action, and then evaluating those strategies. This book will teach you how to put your financial plan into action, and then review and revise that plan as necessary. This step-by-step guide will prepare you for any future financial planning as well. This book contains the following topics that will guide you through the path of Financial Planning And Analysis. Table of Contents Chapter 1 Financial Planning What Is Financial Planning? The Need for Financial Planning. Who Is A Financial Planner? Remuneration Of Financial Planners Who Needs Financial Planning Advice? Who Is A Successful Financial Planner? Comprehensive Financial Planning-- A Six-Step Process Chapter 2 Insights On Equity Investing About Equity Why Companies Issue Equity Share? Risks Associated With Equity Investing: Checking Your Equity Investment 39 Tax Impact On Your Equity Investment Returns. Chapter 3 Insights On Gold Investing Regarding Gold Why Gold Should Form Part Of Your Investment Portfolio DIVERSITY: SECURITY AGAINST GLOBAL UPHEAVALS: SIMPLE TO STORE: HEDGE AGAINST INFLATION: LIQUIDITY: Ways of Investing In Gold Physical Gold Electronic Gold: Different Forms Of Gold Investing – A Comparison. Tax On Gold Investing: Gold Is A 'Capital Asset': Capital Gains Tax On Physical Gold Wide range Tax On Physical Gold: Tax obligation Applicable On Gold Futures Contracts. Tax Applicable On Gold Etf's: Misconceptions About Gold. MISCONCEPTION: Investment In Stock Is Better Than Gold. Misconception: Gold Is A Risky Investment. Misconception: If Your Jeweller Is Willing To Buy Back The Gold You Purchase From. Misconception: It Is Safer To Buy Branded Jewellery Than To Buy Jewellery From. Chapter 4 Plan Your Life Insurance 1. Background. Surrender Value: Paid up policy Bonus 2. Cleaning Your Life Insurance Portfolio Chapter 5 Plan Your Health Insurance Compensation Based Policies Vs. Lump Sum Benefit Plans Individual Vs. Family Floater Health Insurance Policies. When To Buy Health Insurance—When Healthy Vs. When Unhealthy Health Insurance Protects Your Wealth. It 'S A Long-Term Product, Not Short-Term What Is The Waiting Period? Tax Benefits Of Health Insurance. 5 Things To Look For In A Health Insurance

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Corresponding to the chapters in Health Insurance Today, 6th Edition, this workbook lets you practice the skills you will need to succeed as a health insurance professional. Practical assignments reinforce the information in the text, and learning activities and exercises challenge you to apply your knowledge to real-world situations. This new edition incorporates the latest information surrounding ICD-10, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other timely federal influencers. Additionally, application exercises, critical thinking activities, and case studies allow you to apply critical thinking skills to solve a problem or answer a question. Performance objectives include hands-on, application-based learning activities with practice in areas such as completing claim forms, posting payments to a patient's ledger, filling out "Release to Return to Work" forms, and filling out Medicare appeals. Critical thinking activities strengthen your ability to apply health insurance concepts to a variety of challenging situations. Includes Stop and Think exercises which allow you to apply critical thinking skills to problem solving. Defining Chapter Terms activities help you review and understand key terms in each chapter. Chapter assessments test your knowledge of text content with multiple choice, true/false, short answer, fill-in-the-blank, and matching questions. Problem solving/collaborative (group) activities emphasize the importance of teamwork in the health care field. Case studies ask you to solve a real-world problem related to health insurance, such as completing a CMS-1500 claim form or explaining how HIPAA could affect someone recently out of work. Application exercises ask you to apply your knowledge and skills to real-world situations. In-class projects and discussion topics enhance your understanding of specific content from the text. Internet Exploration exercises in each chapter help you learn how to perform research online. NEW! Up-to-date information on all topics including key coverage of Medicare, Electronic Health Records, and Version 5010. NEW! Expanded ICD-10 coverage and removal of all ICD-9 content other than as reference material ensures you stay up-to-date on these significant

healthcare system changes.

Why do people buy health insurance? Conventional theory holds that people purchase insurance because they prefer the certainty of paying a small premium to the risk of getting sick and paying a large medical bill. This book presents a new theory of consumer demand for health insurance. It holds that people purchase insurance to obtain additional "income" when they become ill.

This is a complete business plan for a Health Insurance Broker. Each of our plans follows a 7 chapter format: Chapter 1 - Executive Summary - This part of the business plan provides an introduction for the business, showcases how much money is sought for the company, and acts as a guideline for reading the rest of the business plan. Chapter 2 - Financing Summary - The second section of the business plan showcases how you intend to use the financing for your business, how much of the business is owned by the Owners, who sits on the board of directors, and how the business could be sold in the future. Chapter 3 - Products and Services - This section of the business plan showcases the products/services that you are selling coupled with other aspects of your business operations. Chapter 4 - Market Analysis - This is one of the most important sections of your business plan. Each of our plans includes complete industry research specific to the business, an economic analysis regarding the general economy, a customer profile, and a competitive analysis. Chapter 5 - Marketing Plan - Your marketing plan will showcase to potential investors or banks how you intend to properly attract customers to your business. We provide an in depth analysis of how you can use your marketing plan in order to drive sales. Chapter 6 - Personnel Summary - Here, we showcase the organizational structure of your business coupled with the headcount and salaries of your employees. Chapter 7 - Financial Plan - This is the most important part of your business plan. Here, we provide a three year profit and loss statement, cash flow analysis, balance sheet, sensitivity analysis, breakeven analysis, and business ratios.

A new edition of the standard insurance text, revised to reflect changes that have occurred in the insurance industry and its environment since 1986. Incorporates changes wrought by the Risk Retention Act of 1986, the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the Revenue Act of 1987, and the Medicare Expansion Act of 1988. Covers legal changes, revisions in policy forms, and the introduction of new forms of insurance. As in previous editions, emphasis is on the insurance product and its use within a risk-management framework. The three sections cover the concept of risk, the nature of the insurance device, and the principles of risk management. Specific contracts are examined in detail in order to illustrate insurance principles in action. An appendix contains specimen copies of most major types of policies.

In *Health Care at Risk* Timothy Stoltzfus Jost, a leading expert in health law, weighs in on consumer-driven health care (CDHC), which many policymakers and analysts are promoting as the answer to the severe access, cost, and quality problems afflicting the American health care system. The idea behind CDHC is simple: consumers should be encouraged to save for medical care with health savings accounts, rely on these accounts to cover routine medical expenses, and turn to insurance only to cover catastrophic medical events. Advocates of consumer-driven health care believe that if consumers are spending their own money on medical care, they will purchase only services with real value to them. Jost contends that supporters of CDHC rely on oversimplified ideas about health care, health care systems, economics, and human nature. In this concise, straightforward analysis, Jost challenges the historical and theoretical assumptions on which the consumer-driven health care movement is based and reexamines the empirical evidence that it claims as support. He traces the histories of both private health insurance in the United States and the CDHC movement. The idea animating the drive for consumer-driven health care is that the fundamental problem with the American health care system is what economists call "moral hazard," the risk that consumers overuse

services for which they do not bear the cost. Jost reveals moral hazard as an inadequate explanation of the complex problems plaguing the American health care system, and he points to troubling legal and ethical issues raised by CDHC. He describes how other countries have achieved universal access to high-quality health care at lower cost, without relying extensively on cost sharing, and he concludes with a proposal for how the United States might do the same, incorporating aspects of CDHC while recognizing its limitations.

Following the transition from central planning toward market-based economies, the formerly communist states of Central and Eastern Europe introduced a number of reforms in the finance, management, and organization of the health sector. While health sector reforms in these countries have involved deep structural changes, they have generally been less successful in improving efficiency, enhancing equity in healthcare financing and delivery, and managing clinical quality of health services. Total health expenditures have increased in almost all countries, especially in recent years, and with revenues not keeping pace, huge debts have accumulated in the health sector. Efficiency gains have been few and far between, and with the dynamic nature of technology and demographic changes increasing the complexity of health services and the health marketplace, further reforms are becoming even more difficult. This report takes stock of recent trends in health expenditure aggregates in the public sector and identifies specific areas of health expenditure reform consistent with the objectives of stabilizing the fiscal situation in these countries (the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia) without adversely affecting the production, delivery and utilization of health services.

Focusing on practical, need-to-know information, Community/Public Health Nursing Practice helps you learn how to apply the nursing process at the community and family level. It features an engaging, easy-to-understand writing style, as well as assessment tools, detailed case studies, and clinical examples that demonstrate how key concepts apply to real-world practice. Additional resources on the companion Evolve website expand and enhance content within the text. Practical features including Case Studies, Ethics in Practice, and The Nursing Process in Practice illustrate real-world applications of key community/public health nursing concepts. A complete unit on the community as client helps you understand how the assessment, diagnosis, planning, intervention, and evaluation steps of the nursing process apply to the community, as opposed to an individual. A chapter devoted to community assessment provides a complete assessment tool and shows you how the tool applies to two different types of communities. UNIQUE! A chapter on screening and referral promotes population-focused practice, which is the crux of community/public health nursing. A separate unit on the family emphasizes the importance of viewing the family as a singular client. A complete discussion of the Minnesota Wheel helps you better understand this widely-accepted framework for community/public health nursing practice. Helpful sections such as Focus Questions, Chapter Outlines, Key Ideas, and Learning by Experience and Reflection help you pinpoint essential information. NEW! Healthy People 2020 objectives throughout the text help you identify common health risk factors in populations and families. NEW! Coverage of health care reform, including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA), explores how current health care legislation impacts community/public health nursing. NEW! Discussions of community health "hot button" issues, such as human trafficking, genital circumcision, and bullying, introduce you to today's health care challenges. NEW! Information on weather-related disaster fatalities, bioterrorism, and national and state planning responses familiarize you with current, relevant issues which affect the health of populations worldwide and shape the role of the community/public health nurse. This comprehensive review of the Swiss health system focuses on three important issues: health insurance markets, health workforce planning and management and governance of the health system.

Over the past two decades Vietnam has made enormous progress towards achieving universal coverage (UC) for its population. Significant

challenges remain, however, in terms of improving equity with continuing low rates of enrollment. Ensuring financial protection also remains an elusive goal. The Master Plan for Universal Coverage approved in 2012 by the Prime Minister directly addresses both these deficiencies in coverage. The objective of this report is to assess the implementation of Vietnam SHI and provide options for moving towards UC. This is a joint assessment with development partners, World Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) and Rockefeller Foundation. Expanding breadth of coverage, particularly for those hard to reach groups such as the near-poor and informal sector would require substantially increasing general revenue subsidies and fully subsidizing the premiums for the near-poor. High enrollment rates would, however, have little impact on financial protection and equity if OOP costs remain high. Achieving UC will require sustained efforts to improve efficiency in the system, and gain better value for money from available budgetary resources; without these efforts, any further progress towards UC would be financially unsustainable. There is considerable scope for improving efficiency in Vietnam. Fragmentation in the pooling of funds gives rise to unnecessary costs. Inefficiencies in resource allocation and purchasing arrangements include: (i) an overly generous benefits package; (ii) provider payment mechanisms and the mix of incentives facing providers which result in an oversupply of services; (iii) high prices, overconsumption and inappropriate use of pharmaceuticals; and (iv) the structure and incentives embedded within the delivery system. The organization, management and governance of SHI are fragmented and often dysfunctional. The present institutional setting for SHI needs to be assessed and changed.

With an emphasis on preparing and filing claims electronically, Health Insurance Today, 4th Edition features completely updated content on ICD-10 coding, ARRA, HI-TECH, Version 5010, electronic health records, the Health Insurance Reform Act, and more. The friendly writing style and clear learning objectives help you understand and retain important information, with review questions and activities that encourage critical thinking and practical application of key concepts. Clear, attainable learning objectives help you focus on the most important information. What Did You Learn? review questions allow you to ensure you understand the material already presented before moving on to the next section. Direct, conversational writing style makes reading fun and concepts easier to understand. Imagine This! scenarios help you understand how information in the book applies to real-life situations. Stop and Think exercises challenge you to use your critical thinking skills to solve a problem or answer a question. HIPAA Tips emphasize the importance of privacy and following government rules and regulations. Chapter summaries relate to learning objectives, provide a thorough review of key content, and allow you to quickly find information for further review. Key coverage of new topics includes medical identity theft and prevention, National Quality Forum (NQF) patient safety measures, ACSX12 Version 5010 HIPAA transaction standards, EMS rule on mandatory electronic claims submission, and standards and implementation specifications for electronic health record technology. Increased emphasis on producing and submitting claims electronically gives you an edge in today's competitive job market. UPDATED! Additional ICD-10 coding content prepares you for the upcoming switch to the new coding system. NEW! Content on ARRA, HI-TECH, and the Health Insurance Reform Act ensures you are familiar with the latest health care legislation and how it impacts what you do on the job.

Health Insurance and Managed Care: What They Are and How They Work (formerly titled Managed Care: What It Is and How It Works) is a concise introduction to the foundations of the American managed health care system. Written in clear and accessible language, this handy guide offers an historical overview of managed care and then walks the reader through the organizational structures, concepts, and practices of the managed care industry. The Fourth Edition is a thorough update that addresses the impact of the Affordable Care Act throughout the industry including: - New underwriting requirements - New marketing and sales channels - Limitations on sales, governance, and

administrative (SG&A) costs and profits - New provider organizations such as Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCHMs) and Accountable Care Organizations (ACO's) - New payment mechanisms such as shared savings with ACOs, and severity-adjusted diagnosis related groups - Changes to Medicare Advantage - Medicaid expansion and reliance on Medicaid managed care

Healthcare is changing and you need to know how—and what to do about it. Getting good medical care shouldn't be so confusing—or so costly. Healthcare, Insurance, and You simplifies the many confusing details about our healthcare system so you can make informed decisions. Result? Better health at lower cost. With the advent of healthcare reform, things are changing—especially when it comes to insurance. Most people will now have to buy insurance. Do you know where to get a policy or what to look for in one? Did you know more people will now qualify for free or subsidized healthcare? Even if you get insurance through work, you'll face new choices that you'd better understand to maintain your peace of mind. As this book shows, the failure to understand how insurance and the healthcare system work can have a major impact on your physical and financial health. Healthcare, Insurance, and You is an easy-to-use guide that explains the main challenges you face when trying to get excellent healthcare: choosing the best insurance policy for your situation, finding the right doctor or hospital, buying prescription drugs the least expensive way, picking out the right Medicare plan, or fighting for your rights when dealing with insurers or medical providers. Healthcare, Insurance, and You includes tips, resources, and strategies for navigating the healthcare system and avoiding common mistakes so you can get the best healthcare for you, your family, or your organization without breaking the bank. This book shows you: How to choose a health plan that best meets your medical and financial needs, including new options under the Affordable Care Act Ways to cut through red tape and fight billing errors and claim denials What businesses need to know about offering—or not offering—insurance to employees How to plan ahead for a disability or for end-of-life care Healthcare costs rank high on the list of money concerns Americans have. And when it comes to getting great healthcare for you and your family and avoiding crippling medical bills, knowledge is power. Healthcare, Insurance, and You is a practical guide that explains the complicated healthcare system in plain language—and puts the power of good health back in your hands. What you'll learn The impact of the Affordable Care Act on your healthcare and your finances How to take advantage of new health insurance exchanges and tax credits How to choose a health plan that best meets your medical and financial needs How to advocate for yourself, fight billing errors and denied claims, and know where to turn for help How to choose a doctor and hospital based on quality, not hype How to avoid common mistakes that can cost you big--or even put you into bankruptcy How health reform affects businesses and how they can reduce healthcare expenditures Who this book is for Consumers of healthcare in the United States, including both individuals and small businesses buying coverage for employees. Table of Contents A New Healthcare System Buying Health Insurance on your own Paying for Health Insurance Health Insurance at Work Cutting Medical Costs Buying Prescription Drugs You Against the Healthcare System Medicare Taking Charge of Your Healthcare Future Consumer Assistance Programs and State Departments of Insurance

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Drawing on an extensive range of resources, including government reports, scholarly publications, and analyses from a range of private organizations, Introduction to US Health Policy provides scholars, policymakers, and health care providers with a comprehensive platform of ideas that is key to understanding and influencing the changes in the US health care system.

Prepare for career success with this trusted introduction to the world of health insurance billing and the dynamic, growing field of health information management. A GUIDE TO HEALTH INSURANCE BILLING, Fourth Edition, provides a thorough, practical overview of key principles and current practices, from patient registration to claims submission. Now updated to reflect the latest trends, technology, terminology, legal and regulatory guidelines, and coding systems—including ICD-10—the new edition also features a dynamic full-color layout. The text also includes abundant exercises, examples, case studies, and activities focused on real-world applications, including step-by-step procedures for generating, processing, and submitting health insurance claims to commercial, private, and government insurance programs. An access code for SimClaim interactive online billing software is also provided; this program puts billing skills to the test with case studies that require form completion. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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countries have set out national initiatives for improving their people's health and pursued strategies for nationwide health promotion since the 1980s. Examples of such initiatives include 'Healthy People' of the US, 'Our Healthier Nation' of the UK, 'Healthy Japan 21' of Japan, and 'Better Health Commission' of Australia. The goals of these plans is to help people have longer healthy lives and eliminate health disparities. South Korea's third national health promotion plan--'National Health Plan 2020' (HP 2020, '11~20)--intends to increase healthy life expectancy for Koreans to 75 by 2020. Healthy life expectancy, a basic health measure of HP 2020 is the number of years a person can expect to live without diseases or injuries, which is a measure of a population's health that focuses on how many years a person might live in a healthy state rather than just how many years they might be expected to live. Such improvement in the quality of life cannot be achieved without a social environment that promotes good health for all. While infectious diseases took up a large portion of the global burden of disease in the past, rapidly increasing chronic diseases account for a larger portion these days. Therefore, it is necessary to increase healthy life expectancy by reducing the burden of chronic diseases through prevention and appropriate management. Of such health risk factors causing chronic illness as smoking, drinking and obesity, this research is about obesity. In the US, the cost of obesity-related diseases accounted for 5.5%--7.8% of the total medical expenditure (as of 1998)<sup>1</sup> --while in Canada 2.5% (as of 1999) of the total medical cost is caused by a lack of exercise.<sup>2</sup> In Korea, obesity makes up about 6% of the medical cost of adults 20 or older for the national health insurance plan.<sup>3</sup>) This study intends to estimate the life expectancy and healthy life expectancy of the Korean people, and measure the effects of the control of obesity, a major health risk factor, thereby analyzing the relationship between chronic illness, life expectancy, and healthy life expectancy. Based on the results, this study explores the current state of Koreans' healthy life expectancy (2009) and the effects of obesity control, providing the basis for attaining the goals of Korea's national health promotion plan. This paper is composed of five chapters. Chapter 1 is the introduction, and Chapter 2 reviews existing literature related to healthy life expectancy in to help the reader to understand the indicator. In Chapter 3, Koreans' life expectancy and healthy life expectancy as of 2009 are estimated. First, the number of deaths, population, and life table released by the Korean Statistical Information Service (KOSIS) are used to calculate life expectancy, and then the health-related quality of life data out of the nationwide survey, Korea Health Panel (KHP) is utilized to measure healthy life expectancy. Chapter 4 presents analysis of the effects of obesity control on life expectancy and healthy life expectancy. A multi-state simulation model and the Sullivan method are applied to estimate healthy life expectancy. The Sullivan method, a widely used method to calculate healthy life expectancy, is useful in estimating the average healthy life expectancy of the population, while the multi-state model is good for computing the healthy life expectancy of a specific age group or subgroup with a certain health status (Lee Seung-wook et al., 2007).

Next, the Markov Model is used for dynamic analysis of the life expectancy and healthy life expectancy of those with obesity and those of normal weight. Chapter 5 is the conclusion and summarizes the results of the analyses of this study and discusses its limitations and research tasks for the future.

The healthcare business in the United States is broken! There are basically two choices for change. The first is to create a consumer-driven healthcare system. A properly designed system can reduce administrative costs, create competition based on price, quality, and service; provide a foundation for restructuring Medicare, and include those covered by Medicaid and the uninsured. The second choice is a single-payer national health plan run by the government that will result in extended waiting times for specialized services and potentially rationing based on age, diagnosis or other criteria. Some are now advocating Medicare for all including illegal residents the economic impact of which is incomprehensible and would guarantee rationing in one form or another. Examine the Veteran's Administration system and then make your choice. Get involved or accept without complaint what others dictate!

This text engages students with the ethical decisions faced by health care professionals every day. Based on principles and applications in health care ethics and the law, this text extends beyond areas that are often included in discussions of political philosophy and the principles of justice.

This dissertation has four chapters. The first three chapters examine health insurance markets in the U.S., focusing in particular on contexts where there are important interactions between health insurance plans. The fourth chapter is on the U.S. budget, examining the implications of annual budget cycles on the quantity and quality of end-of-year spending. Chapter 1, entitled "Bankruptcy as Implicit Health Insurance" examines the interaction between health insurance and the implicit insurance that people have because they can file (or threaten to file) for bankruptcy. With a simple model that captures key institutional features, I demonstrate that the financial risk from medical shocks is capped by the assets that could be seized in bankruptcy. For households with modest seizable assets, this implicit "bankruptcy insurance" can crowd out conventional health insurance. I test these predictions using variation in the state laws that specify the type and level of assets that can be seized in bankruptcy. Because of the differing laws, people who have the same assets and receive the same medical care face different losses in bankruptcy. Exploiting the variation in seizable assets that is orthogonal to wealth and other household characteristics, I show that households with fewer seizable assets are more likely to be uninsured. This finding is consistent with another: uninsured households with fewer seizable assets end up making lower out-of-pocket medical payments. The estimates suggest that if the laws of the least debtor-friendly state of Delaware were applied nationally, 16.3 percent of the uninsured would buy health insurance. Achieving the same increase in coverage would require a premium subsidy of approximately 44.0 percent. To shed light on puzzles in the

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5.6 times more likely to be below the central value. To explore the impact of allowing agencies to roll unused spending over into subsequent fiscal years, we study the I.T. contracts of an agency with special authority to roll over unused funding. We show that there is only a small end-of-year I.T. spending spike in this agency and that the one major I.T. contract this agency issued in the 52nd week of the year has a quality rating that is well above average.

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