

Unit 3 Assignment



Unit outcomes addressed in this Assignment:

- Describe why it is important for health policymakers to be familiar with basic economic concepts
- Explain the role of economics in health care
- Examine the use of economic models to help forecast the impact(s) of policy on health care delivery

Course outcomes assessed/addressed in this Assignment:

HA415-2: Demonstrate an understanding of the relevance of economic concepts within the healthcare sector.

Cost and affordability are important factors in the successful delivery of healthcare to the people of this country. Economics can offer a framework to study the implications of individual decision making and help define the alternative mechanisms available to improve resource allocation. Sound policy making is based on sound economic principles applied in a sensitive and uniform manner. Lessons can be learned from basic economics lessons about human behavior and the way individuals make decisions, respond to incentives, interact with each other and about the efficient allocation of scarce resources.

Instructions

View the website below and analyze each area to determine what the information in the graphs are telling us. Describe trends in the costs of care for treating specific prevalent conditions. Examine the burden of health care costs on businesses and governments and the extent to which Americans can afford needed care. Analyze trends in the efficiency of care delivery and the competitiveness of the delivery system, key factors in keeping costs down that the information presented is telling us, and the national picture this data presents. **Formulate an innovative solution for at least two of the issues you identify and explain how you could implement these solutions in a health care facility.**

The paper should be written in APA format and include at least three references in addition to the website below. The references can also include the course textbook, and references from the KU online library, or other online resources. The paper should be at least three pages in length, not including the title page and references page.

Cost & Affordability

<https://healthmeasures.aspe.hhs.gov/topic/B>

Requirements

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Please be sure to download the file “Writing Center Resources” from Doc Sharing to assist you with meeting APA expectations for written Assignments.

Submitting Your Work

Put your responses in a Microsoft Word document. Save it in a location and with the proper naming convention: username-CourseName-section-Unit 3_Assignment.doc (username is your Kaplan username, section is your course section, 3 is your Unit number). When you are ready to submit it, go to the Dropbox and complete the steps below:

1. Click the link that says “Submit an Assignment.”
2. In the “Submit to Basket” menu, select Unit 3: Assignment.
3. In the “Comments” field, make sure to add at least the title of your paper.
4. Click the “Add Attachments” button.
5. Follow the steps listed to attach your Word document.

To view your graded work, come back to the Dropbox or go to the Gradebook after your instructor has evaluated it. Make sure that you save a copy of your submitted project.