

CALL FOR PAPERS: HEALTH POLICY AND ACCESS – WORKSHOP & SPECIAL ISSUE OPPORTUNITY

**Hosted by the: Institute for Humane Studies & Knee Regulatory Research Center
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Health policy continues to be at the center of national and state-level discussions with regulatory frameworks playing a critical role in shaping access, affordability, and outcomes. As states grapple with the evolving healthcare landscape, it is crucial to examine policies that influence workforce dynamics, service accessibility, and patient well-being.

This call for papers invites research that explores timely and impactful health policy questions, particularly those relevant to ongoing legislative and regulatory discussions across the country.

Selected papers will be featured in a **Special Issue of a premier-ranked academic journal** and invited to an **in-person paper workshop in Tacoma, WA (August 1-3, 2025)**. Additional virtual planning event (May 16, 2025) and optional office hours at the American Society of Health Economists (June 24, 2025) will also be available. Travel expenses for workshop participants will be covered.

While we welcome all research proposals related to health policy and access, we are particularly interested in studies that address questions such as:

- ***Interstate Licensing & Workforce Mobility*** – Is there any additional benefit to professional **compacts** that cannot be solved by **universal licensing recognition**?
- ***Non-Physician Providers & Access*** – Does increasing healthcare access through wider availability of **nurse practitioners, physician assistants, midwives, and doulas** improve community wellness and longevity?
- ***Economic Impact of Expanded Prescribing Authority*** – Pharmacists prescribing medications like insulin and inhalers increases access, but what is the **economic impact**? How many families avoid *medical bankruptcy*? How much does expanded prescribing authority save individuals and state healthcare systems?
- ***Maternal & Infant Health in Rural Areas*** – How does **removing restrictions on midwives and doulas** affect maternal and infant health outcomes in underserved regions?
- ***Reimbursement Models*** – How should **non-physician providers** be reimbursed in an evolving healthcare market?
- ***Telehealth & Broadband Access*** – What is the relationship between **broadband expansion and telehealth adoption**? Which **state or federal regulations** present barriers?

We welcome additional proposals that align with these themes and **contribute to ongoing policy discussions at the state and national levels.**

Submission Details

To apply, please email **monica.moses@mail.wvu.edu** with a **two-page abstract** and answers to the following questions by **April 11, 2025**. Please use the subject line: **Health Policy CFP**.

- Name / Affiliation / Contact Information / How You Heard About This CFP
- Any Co-Authors, Affiliations, and Contact Information
- How Does Your Project Fill a Gap in Current Health Policy Research?
- What Impact Can This Research Have on Policy Conversations?
- What Resources Would Be Needed to Complete This Project? (e.g., datasets, access to specific records, etc.)

Note: If data access is a limitation, *the workshop organizers may have access to available data sources for your project.* **Please do not let a data limitation stop you from proposing your idea.** Please note this limitation in your list of needed resources.

Authors of selected papers will be invited to a **virtual planning event (May 16, 2025)** and an **in-person workshop in Tacoma, WA (August 1-3, 2025)** with travel expenses covered. Papers selected for the **Special Issue** will receive additional editorial support to prepare them for publication.

For questions, contact **monica.moses@mail.wvu.edu**