

RESEARCH PAPER

Analysis of (your theme) with Health Policy and the Healthcare System: Cost, Access, and Quality

Requires extensive research that culminates in a fully developed, 7th ed. APA referenced research paper. This paper is designed to show your enhanced knowledge of the dynamics of policy and development of the U.S. healthcare system and is worth 100 points of your grade. The expectations for this paper include:

- Proper grammar and a formal writing style
 - Use academic writing style. Here is a great resource from Duke University to guide you: [Guide to Academic Writing Style](#)
 - **Direct quotes are rarely used in this field, everything needs to be written in your own words and properly cited.**
 - Make sure to run your rough drafts and final paper through [Grammarly](#) before submission.
- A logical flow to the paper and concise, coherent thoughts
 - Pick a subject **and write about it throughout all sections of the paper.**
 - Examples:
 - A specific disease or injury and write about cost, access, and quality issues of it.
 - Insurance as it relates to costs, access, and quality issues.
 - A certain population such as children, women, minorities, rural, the uninsured.
- References that support your writing. Five (5) references are required for each section of the paper (i.e., 5 references **each** for sections II, III, IV, and V).
- APA 7th ed. formatting for a student paper and referencing as you practiced in Module 2. APA 7th edition resources are provided in this module as well.
- Paper length should be between 8 and 10 pages (roughly 1 page Introduction, 2 pages each Section II, III, IV, and V; and 1 page of References). Please make sure your paper is substantial, concise, and accurate.
- **You are required to have the draft reviewed by the UWF Writing Lab prior to final submission.** They need at least one week lead time so don't delay! On the following link, read "How do I submit a paper to the OWL's dropbox?"

[UWF Owl Writing Lab](#)

If you need help picking a theme or want some feedback, reach out by e-mail: kvalaitis@uwf.edu. You can also browse the following journals:

<http://www.nejm.org/medical-research/health-care-delivery>

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/>

Now, proceed to page two below to review the research paper content outline:

CONTENT OUTLINE

I. Title Page

II. Introduction/Background:

- Introduction of the theme for your paper
- Current health policy(ies) of theme

III. Cost of Healthcare - tie to your theme topics *such as*:

- Individual versus society healthcare costs of your theme
- Federal Budget for your theme
- Insurance
- Malpractice
- Prescription drugs
- Cost drivers
- Impact of costs on healthcare outcomes and unintended consequences

IV. Access to Healthcare – tie to your theme topics *such as*:

- Impact of the number of physicians in an area
- Impact of the number of physicians in a medical field
- Reimbursement changes on physician recruitment in medical schools
- Rural versus urban
- Effects of having insurance

V. Quality of Care – tie to your theme topics *such as*:

- Impact of access on quality of care and disease progression
- Disease-specific indicators of quality
- Impact of patient safety and patient safety initiatives
- Impact of medical errors
- Trends in Quality Improvement
- CMS Quality Programs

VI. Health Policy Conclusion:

- Regulatory approaches as related to your theme
- Synthesize what you have learned about policy and your theme
- Your recommendations for health policy as it relates to your theme

VII. Reference list and corresponding in-text citation using 7th ed. APA format