



## Transition Guide

### *Health Policy Issues: An Economic Perspective, Eighth Edition*

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*Health Policy Issues: An Economic Perspective* uses concise, topical chapters to provide a comprehensive overview of the forces influencing healthcare financing and delivery. Prescription drug coverage, concerns over health equity, and the rise in healthcare costs are just a few of the timely and vital issues that are discussed through the lens of economics. Each chapter includes a clear explanation of the topic, diagrams and charts to aid comprehension, and a summary and discussion questions at the end.

#### **Changes in the Eighth Edition**

Many additions and revisions have been made in the eighth edition. The book consists of brief and detailed Tables of Contents, 38 chapters, 116 exhibits, discussion questions, an extensive list of references for each chapter, and a glossary. Each chapter has been revised to include current information, more recent data, legislative and administrative changes, and new research findings. The exhibits have also been updated (including a few new exhibits), and new references have been added.

The following chapters were significantly revised or updated:

Chapter	Chapter Title	New Material
3	Do More Medical Expenditures Produce Better Health?	Discussion of incentives
5	Rationing Medical Services	How average and marginal purchasers (and providers) differ
8	Medicare	Recent controversial proposals for Medicare reform including proposals by the Biden administration
9	Medicaid	Additional discussion of Medicaid effectiveness

11	The Shortage of Physicians and Emerging Solutions	New physician shortage estimates and strategies for reducing the shortage
13	The Changing Practice of Medicine	The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the delivery of medical services
37	The Affordable Care Act: Did It Achieve Its Goals?	Regulatory and legislative changes; updated accomplishments and shortcomings; expansion of dependent adult coverage
38	Comparative Health Systems	<b>NEW CHAPTER</b> A new chapter on comparative health systems has been added, and the chapter on physician malpractice reform has been deleted. In addition to revising the exhibits (including several new exhibits) and adding fresh references, each chapter has been updated to include current material, more recent data, legislative and administrative changes, and new research findings.