



Transition Guide

Introduction to Health Policy, Second Edition

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Introduction to Health Policy uniquely integrates an introductory overview of health policymaking with an examination of critical policy-related issues, research and evaluation methods, and international perspectives. Author Leiyu Shi, a prominent expert in the field, provides a basic introduction to key terms and the determinants of health and policy. He then explores the varied world of policymaking, ranging from multiple government levels, to the private sector, to the international stage. Policy-based attempts to address determinants of health—social, behavioral, and medical—are then explored. The book concludes by examining policy research and analysis.

Dr. Shi addresses various types of healthcare provisions, including public health, managed care, ambulatory care, extended care, and acute care in a hospital setting. Discussion questions and real-world cases and examples bring theories and concepts to life.

Summary of Major Revisions

Case Studies

The case studies were the most popular feature of the first edition. In the second edition, all case studies have not only been updated (and in some cases, replaced), but a second case study has been added to each chapter.

Healthcare Reform

Since current legislative and policy issues were another well-liked feature of the first edition, the latest developments of healthcare reform and legislation are included in the second edition. Federal, state, local, and critical policy issues, and policy for special populations are incorporated into various chapters of the book.

Diversified International Coverage

The international health policy chapter has been retained to distinguish this book from others in the field. The second edition includes reduced coverage on China and cited examples from more countries, as well as new initiatives from the World Health Organization. The book has been updated to include policymaking examples from Canada, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Australia, and China.

Updated Policy Research Chapters

To differentiate this book from others, the policy research chapters have been retained, but chapter contents have been updated to make them more current and provide more examples of applications in research.

Updated References and Contents Throughout

Contents and data (including relevant tables) have been updated throughout the book. On average, each chapter has at least ten new citations/references published within the last 2-3 years.

New Content Areas

New and contemporary content areas related to health policy have been added, including information on: the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), new healthcare reform directions, patient-centered medical homes, Accountable Care Organizations, precision medicine and big data, state and local health care reform activities, private sector initiatives, and big pharmaceutical industry.