

King Saud University
College of Business Administration
Department of Health Administration - Masters` Program

EHHA 506 – Health Insurance Administration
Second Semester 1441/ 1442

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Course Description:

This course aims to provide students with knowledge and skills related to health insurance management. This course presents students with an overview of major issues related to the design, function, management, regulation, and evaluation of health insurance and managed care plans. Provides a firm foundation in basic concepts pertaining to private and public sector health insurance/benefit and plans. The course explores methods such as health insurance policy, claim processing, and treatment approval. This course will also introduce the students to the cooperative health insurance system as applied in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the relationships between the patient, the provider, and the insurance company.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, the students will be able to:

- Identify and comprehend medical insurance products and services and the impact they have on the healthcare delivery system;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of healthcare providers, insurers, and integrated delivery systems in the medical insurance marketplace;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the basics of health insurance, public funding programs, managed care contracting, and how services are paid;
- Understand risk assessment, rating and underwriting considerations;
- Explain the role of a managed care organization;
- Understand the factors that influence consumer demand for health insurance, including the role of prices, income, and information;
- Evaluation of various Health Insurance Models;
- Understanding concepts and practices of claims management.

Readings:

- Morrisey, Michael A. “**Health Insurance**” Health Administration Press; 2nd edition (November 1, 2013).
- Green, Michelle “**Understanding Health Insurance: A Guide to Billing and Reimbursement**” Cengage Learning; 13th edition (January 1, 2016).

Articles:

A course pack containing the article citations and electronic references for each session will be available to students.

Grading:

- 5 %..... Attendance and participation in class discussions
- 15%..... Assignment I
- 20 %..... Assignment II
- 20%..... Mid-term exam
- 40%..... Final Exam

Schedule

Topics to be Covered		
List of Topics	No of Weeks	Contact hours
Introduction, History of Health Insurance	1	3
A Summary of Insurance Coverage	1	3
The Demand for Health Insurance	1	3
Adverse Selection	1	3
Underwriting and Rate Making	1	3
Risk Adjustment	1	3
Moral Hazard and Prices	1	3
Utilization Management	1	3
Managed Care	2	6
Health Insurance Regulation	1	3
Utilization Review Committees in Hospitals	1	3
Medical Classifications & Medical Coding	1	3
Processing an insurance claim	1	3