

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HEALTH ECONOMICS CONFERENCE**  
**COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS • MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SC**  
**CHARLESTON, SC**  
**MARCH 24-26, 2006**

**Friday, March 24, 2006**

**6:00 – 10:00 pm**      **Informal Reception/Dinner – The Clubhouse at Mariner’s Cay, Folly Beach**

**Saturday, March 25, 2006**

**7:45 – 8:30 am**      **Continental Breakfast in the Atrium, College of Health Professions**

**SESSION #1:            HEALTH INSURANCE**  
**Session Chair: David Bradford**

**8:30 – 8:55 am**      ***“The Effect of State-Level Rating Regulations on Premiums and Coverage in the Individual Health Insurance Market”***

Authors: Bradley Herring, Emory University; Mark V. Pauly, University of Pennsylvania

Presenter: Bradley Herring

**8:55 – 9:15 am**      Discussant: Kosali Ilayperuma Simon, Cornell University

**9:15 – 9:30 am**      Open Discussion

**9:30 – 9:55 am**      ***“The Health Care Safety Net and Crowd-Out of Private Health Insurance”***

Authors: Anthony T. LoSasso, University of Illinois at Chicago; Bruce D. Meyer, University of Chicago and NBER

Presenter: Anthony LoSasso

**9:55 – 10:15 am**      Discussant: Gloria J. Bazzoli, Virginia Commonwealth University

**10:15 – 10:30 am**      Open Discussion

**10:30 – 11:00 am**      **Break**

**SESSION #1: HEALTH INSURANCE, CONTINUED**  
**Session Chair: David Bradford**

**11:00 – 11:25 am**      *“A Semiparametric Analysis of Adverse Selection and Moral Hazard in Health Insurance Contracts”*

Authors: Patrick Bajari, University of Michigan and NBER; Han Hong, Duke University; Ahmed Khwaja, Duke University

Presenter: Ahmed Khwaja

**11:25 – 11:45 am**      Discussant: Amy Finkelstein, MIT

**11:45 – 12:00 am**      Open Discussion

**12:00 – 1:30 pm**      **Lunch in the Atrium**

*Group Discussion on potential roles for AHRQ, health economics researchers, relevant allied organizations, and strategic partners in bringing increased visibility, comprehensibility, active dissemination, and sustained and documented effectiveness to the field of health economics research.*

**SESSION #2: HEALTH CARE COST SHARING**  
**Session Chair: Rich Lindrooth**

**1:30 – 1:55 pm**      *“Does Cost Sharing Affect Compliance? Insurance and the Market for Prescription Drugs”*

Authors: Avi Dor, Case Western Reserve University; William Encinosa, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Presenter: Avi Dor

**1:55 – 2:15 pm**      Discussant: Richard Hirth, University of Michigan

**2:15 – 2:30 pm**      Open Discussion

**2:30 – 2:55 pm**      *“The Response of Medical Utilization to Higher Out of Pocket Costs: Modern Evidence from California”*

Authors: Amitabh Chandra, Harvard University; Jonathan Gruber, MIT; Robin McKnight, University of Oregon

Presenter: Amitabh Chandra

**2:55 – 3:15 pm**      Discussant: Willard G. Manning, University of Chicago

**3:15 – 3:30 pm**      Open Discussion

**3:30 – 4:00 pm**      **Break**

**SESSION #3: TECHNOLOGY**  
**Session Chair: Jeff McCullough**

**4:00 – 4:25 pm**      *“Technology Diffusion and Market Structure: Evidence from Infertility Treatment Markets”*

Authors: Barton H. Hamilton and Brian McMannus, Washington University  
Presenter: Brian McMannus

**4:25 – 4:45 pm**      Discussant: M. Kate Bundorf, Stanford University School of Medicine

**4:45 – 5:00 pm**      Open Discussion

**5:00 – 7:00 pm**      **Open**

**7:00 – 11:00 pm**      **Dinner at The Aquarium**  
**Keynote Speaker: Mark V. Pauly, University of Pennsylvania**

*Title of Presentation to be Announced – Focus will be on a proposal for a synthesizing research agenda driven by the contributions made by the research presented at this year’s AHEC*

**Sunday, March 26, 2006**

**7:30 – 8:00 am**      **Continental Breakfast in the Atrium**

**SESSION #4: MEDICARE EXPENDITURES**  
**Session Chair: Libby Dismuke**

**8:00 – 8:25 am**      *“Informal Care and Medicare Expenditures”*

Authors: Courtney Harold Van Houtven, Durham VAMC, Edward C. Norton, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Presenter: Courtney Harold Van Houtven

**8:25 – 8:45 am**      Discussant: Kathleen Carey, VA & Boston University School of Public Health

**8:45 – 9:00 am**      Open Discussion

**SESSION #4:           MEDICARE EXPENDITURES, CONTINUED**  
**Session Chair: Libby Dismuke**

- 9:00 – 9:25 am**           *“Managed Care and Medicare Expenditures”*  
Authors: Michael Chernew, University of Michigan and NBER; Philip DeCicca, McMaster University; Robert Town, University of Minnesota and NBER  
Presenter: Philip DeCicca
- 9:25 – 9:45 am**           Discussant: Edward C. Norton, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 9:45 – 10:00 am**       Open Discussion
- 10:00-10:30 am**       **Break**

**SESSION #5:           QUALITY**  
**Session Chair: Dennis Scanlon**

- 10:30 – 10:55 am**       *“Volume Incentives for Inpatient Quality and Patient Safety”*  
Authors: Alison E. Cuellar, Columbia University; Richard C. Lindrooth, Medical University of SC; Jay Cross, Columbia  
Presenter: Alison E. Cuellar
- 10:55 – 11:15 am**       Discussant: Jose J. Escarce, UCLA School of Medicine and RAND
- 11:15 – 11:30 am**       Open Discussion
- 11:30 – 1:00 pm**       **Lunch**
- 11:30 – 11:55 am**       *“Cost Sharing and Quality of Care”*  
Authors: Michael Chernew, University of Michigan; Theresa Gibson, Medstat  
Presenter: Michael Chernew
- 11:55 – 12:15 pm**       Discussant: Melayne Morgan McInnes, University of South Carolina
- 12:15 – 12:30 pm**       Open Discussion
- 12:30 – 1:00 pm**       **Closing Remarks**  
**Depart for Airport**