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“As a working practitioner, I am indebted to the UH Master of Public Administration Program for the excellent education I received here. As an alum and long-time instructor, I am deeply optimistic about the program’s future.”

Biographical Summary

I have spent most of my career at the intersection of public policy and health law, focusing on the regulation and financing of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and government-led initiatives on healthcare reform. In my role as senior health policy analyst for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, I help healthcare providers navigate the uncertainties of a shifting policy landscape. I also write on healthcare issues and frequently collaborate with my colleagues on articles and presentations of topical interest for healthcare clients.

I’m both an alum of the University of Houston’s Master of Public Administration program (Class of 1996) and an instructional professor (since 2002). In my graduate seminar on healthcare policy, students learn to analyze and evaluate healthcare politics and policymaking in the U.S.

Students may follow me on Twitter @kprubinstein – where I curate and share topical information on healthcare issues. I can be reached at kathleen.rubinstein@morganlewis.com.

PUBL 6347 Healthcare Policy Seminar

Course introduction:
This course, offered only in the Fall Semester, explores the role of government in organizing, financing and delivering healthcare in the U.S. and prepares students to apply policy analysis tools and approaches to contemporary problems in healthcare.

Topics include:
- Conflicting ideas and values associated with the distribution of healthcare resources
- The dynamics of healthcare policymaking within a federal system of government
- How bargaining between government and private interests has shaped American healthcare
- How the political culture of the healthcare debate has restrained progress toward a national policy
- The importance of Medicare to the healthcare system and its impact on the federal budget
• The significance of Medicaid to the healthcare safety net and its impact on state budgets
• Judging the Affordable Care Act (ACA) – How did we get here? How well is it working? Or not?
• Efforts by the Trump administration and lawmakers to deregulate the ACA and reform healthcare

Prerequisites:
None

This course will have:
Writing assignments
Group participation and discussion assignments
Policy analysis paper (in lieu of a final exam)