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Biographical Summary

Kathleen P. Rubinstein (UH MPA Class of 1996) collaborates with health care organizations in addressing their public policy and regulatory concerns. She also teaches a health care policy seminar in the MPA program where she brings her field experience to the classroom.

PUBL 6347 – Health Care Policy Seminar

This course explores the role of government in organizing, financing and delivering health care in the U.S. and prepares students to examine, analyze and evaluate options and approaches to contemporary problems in health care. Topics covered include:

- Conflicting ideas and values associated with the distribution of health care resources
- The dynamics of health care policymaking within a federal system of government
- How bargaining between government and private interests has shaped American health care
- How the political culture of the health care debate has restrained progress toward a national policy
- The importance of Medicare to the health care system and its impact on the federal budget
- The significance of Medicaid to the health care safety net and its impact on state budgets
- The Affordable Care Act and the challenges of health care reform
- The COVID-19 Pandemic: Government response and the path forward

There are no prerequisites for this course.