

Assignment #4

Draft a memo to your boss, President of the CT Free Clinics Association, summarizing paper on impact of national health reform

Read The Implications of Health Reform for US Charity Care Programs: Policy Considerations by the Kaiser Permanente Institute for Health Policy

([http://www.kpihp.org/kpihp/CMS/Files/InFocus-Summer2010-](http://www.kpihp.org/kpihp/CMS/Files/InFocus-Summer2010-TheImplicationsofHealthReform-FINAL.pdf)

[TheImplicationsofHealthReform-FINAL.pdf](http://www.kpihp.org/kpihp/CMS/Files/InFocus-Summer2010-TheImplicationsofHealthReform-FINAL.pdf)) and The Future of US Charity Care Programs:

Implications of Health Reform by Academy Health

(<http://www.academyhealth.org/files/publications/FutureofCharityCarePrograms.pdf>).

Write a detailed memo for your boss, President of the (as yet mythical) Connecticut Free Clinic Association about the report and what the implications are likely to be for your organization. The memo should be detailed and use other sources than the papers linked above -- at least two or three pages. Remember to cite your sources.

Background: Connecticut has about a dozen free clinics. They vary significantly in how they are sponsored (some are religious, some nonprofits, some sponsored by hospitals or medical schools), some are mobile vans that move around and some are in permanent clinics, but they all share some features. They provide general primary care, similar to what is provided in a doctor's office. They do not charge for their services, all (or most) of the care is provided by volunteers (doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants). They provide some medications at the clinic (generally donated by drug companies) and help patients apply for assistance programs for medications they don't have in the clinic. They generally have income eligibility limits and require that patients have no insurance at all. They do not require that patients are citizens or legal immigrants. For more information, you can do more research on free clinics and who they serve in Connecticut and elsewhere in the US. You should also search for general information about national health reform looking for provisions that will affect free clinics.

Remember to include the **audience** (even though I gave it to you above) and **where you looked for guidance** for both content and form in writing the memo.