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### **SUBJECT AREA EXPERTISE**

Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage, health insurance, prescription drug coverage, specialty drugs, quality measurement

### **EXPERIENCE**

2020 – Present      Senior Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation  
2016 – 2020        Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation  
2013 – 2016        Associate Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation  
2009-2013        Research Assistant, with Prof. Patricia Danzon, University of Pennsylvania  
2005-2008        Health Insurance Specialist, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

### **EDUCATION**

2013              Ph.D. in Applied Economics and Managerial Science, University of Pennsylvania  
2005              M.S.P.H. in Health Policy, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
2003              B.A. (Honors) in Economics, St. Mary's College of Maryland

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### *Peer-reviewed*

Eibner, C., Buttorff, C., Cefalu, M., Khodyakov, D., & **Taylor, E.** (2022) The effect of the Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design Model Test on utilization in 2017. *American Journal of Health Promotion*, v. 36(4), p. 740-745.

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Batorsky, B., **Taylor, E.**, Huang, C., Hangsheng, L., & Mattke, S. (2016) Understanding the relationship between incentive design and participation in U.S. workplace wellness programs. *American Journal of Health Promotion*, v. 30, no. 3, p. 198-203.

Huang, H., Mattke, S., Batorsky, B., Miles, J., Liu, H., & **Taylor, E.** (2016) Incentives, program configuration, and employee uptake of workplace wellness programs. *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, 58(1): 30-34.

**Taylor, E.**, Saltzman, E., Bauhoff, S., Pacula, R.L., & Eibner, C. (2015) More choice in health insurance marketplaces may reduce the value of the subsidies available to low-income enrollees. *Health Affairs*, 34(1): 104-110.

Danzon, P.M. & **Taylor, E.** (2010) Drug pricing and value in oncology. *The Oncologist*, 15(Suppl. 1), 24-31.

#### *RAND Reports*

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## **BLOG AND OPINION PIECES**

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## PRESENTATIONS

**Taylor, E.,** Rao, P., Malsberger, R., Damberg, C., and Elliott, M.N. Do Medicare beneficiaries who switch Part D plans due to financial reasons enroll in lower-cost plans? *American Society of Health Economists*, Virtual Conference: June 2021.

**Taylor, E.,** Rao, P., Malsberger, R., Damberg, C., and Elliott, M.N. Do Medicare beneficiaries who switch Part D plans due to financial reasons enroll in lower-cost plans? *AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting*, Seattle, WA: June 2018.

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**Taylor, E.,** Han, D., Mulcahy, A.W., & Eibner, C. Specialty drug benefit design and patient out-of-pocket costs in the ACA marketplaces. *Podium presentation at the Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference*, Washington, DC: November 2016.

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**Taylor, E.** The effect of specialty tier placement on utilization and expenditures in Medicare Part D. *Paper presented at the American Society of Health Economists Conference*, Minneapolis, MN: June 2012.

**Taylor, E.** & Danzon, P.M. Insurance coverage for specialty drugs: effects of benefit design. *Paper presented at the American Society of Health Economists Conference*, Ithaca, NY: June 2010.

**Taylor, E.** & Mebane, F. Expectations versus perceptions: how should news media have reported on the Medicare Drug Discounts Card Program in 2003-2004? *Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC: September 2005.

## CURRENT RESEARCH FUNDING

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| 2021-2023 | Evaluation of the Part D Senior Savings Model, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Contract) (Erin Taylor and Dmitry Khodyakov, co-PIs)   |
| 2020-2023 | Evaluation of the Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design Model Test, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Contract) (Christine Eibner and Dmitry Khodyakov, co-PIs; Erin Taylor, task lead) |
| 2022-2023 | Specialty Provider Prescribing of Medications to Treat Opioid Use Disorder in Older Adults, National Institute on Aging (R21) (Erin Taylor and Jonathan Cantor, co-PIs)   |

- 2022-2023 Policy Options to Address Specialty Drug Spending, National Institute for Health Care Reform (Erin Taylor, PI)
- 2019-2022 The Opioid Crisis: The Effects and Unintended Consequences of State Policies on Opioid Analgesic Prescribing, National Institute on Drug Abuse (R01) (Bradley Stein, PI; Erin Taylor, Co-Investigator)
- 2018-2022 Hospital Payment Incentives and Opioid Prescribing, National Institute on Drug Abuse (R21) Dhaval Dave and Kosali Simon, co-PIs; Erin Taylor, Co-Investigator)

**PAST RESEARCH FUNDING**

- 2019-2021 Implementation of the CAHPS Surveys for the Medicare Shared Savings Program, Merit-Based Incentive Payment System, and Next Generation ACO Model, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Contract) (Erin Taylor and Julie Brown, co-PIs)
- 2013-2022 Analysis Related to Medicare Advantage and Part D Contract Star Ratings, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Contract) (Cheryl Damberg and Maria DeYoreo, co-PIs; Erin Taylor, task lead)
- 2019-2020 The Effect of Covered California's Maximum Out-of-Pocket Cost Sharing Limits on Access to Prescription Drugs for Severely Ill Populations, Covered California (Contract) (Erin Taylor and Christine Buttorff, co-PIs)
- 2015-2019 2018 National Impact Assessment of CMS Quality Measurement Programs, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Subcontract, with Health Services Advisory Group) (Cheryl Damberg, PI; Erin Taylor, task lead)
- 2017 Health Policies on Access and Use of Overdose Treatment Therapies and Newly Marketed Opioids  
Building Analytic Capacity for Monitoring and Evaluating the Implementation of the ACA, US Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (Contract) (Stein, PI; Erin Taylor, task lead)
- 2014-2017 Benefit Design and Formulary Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Overdoses, CDC/NIDA Cooperative Agreement (U01) (Andrew Mulcahy and Erin Taylor, Co-PIs)
- 2015-2016 Florida Marketplace Drug Formulary Safe Harbor, US Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (Contract) (Erin Taylor, PI)
- 2014-2016 The Effect of Affordable Care Act Health Reforms on State-Level Access to Specialty Drugs, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant (Erin Taylor, PI)
- 2015-2016 Constructing a Strategic Design Roadmap for Technologies and Health Services in Chile, Chile Ministry of Economy (Contract) (Erin Taylor, PI)
- 2015 Analysis and Evaluation of Prescription Drug Coverage Policy  
Building Analytic Capacity for Monitoring and Evaluating the Implementation of the ACA, US Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (Contract) (Justin Timbie and Christine Eibner, co-PIs; Erin Taylor, task co-lead)

- 2015 Supporting Consumers to Make the Best Choices in the Marketplaces  
Building Analytic Capacity for Monitoring and Evaluating the Implementation of the ACA,  
US Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Planning and  
Evaluation (Contract) (Justin Timbie and Christine Eibner, co-PIs; Erin Taylor, task lead)
- 2012-2013 The Effect of Specialty Tier Placement on Enrollment and Utilization in Medicare Part D,  
AHRQ Dissertation Grant (R36) (Erin Taylor, PI; 100% effort)
- 2008-2010 National Research Service Award (NRSA) Training Grant

## **SKILLS**

Data analysis, claims data, Medicare Program analysis, Stata, Proficient in Spanish