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The Nation's Health: Action Through Public Policy

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Learn how health policy is really made – and how you can play a role.

- The *Washington Health Policy Institute* explores all facets of the health policymaking process and provides participants with the knowledge needed to make a difference in the U.S. health care system.
- The policymaking process is illuminated by examining both current national and state challenges. By learning about policymaking through selected program and policy issues, participants will be able to transfer this knowledge to any health policy problem or circumstance.
- Faculty include speakers from Federal and State Health Agencies, Congress and State Legislatures, Media Experts, and Nationally Prominent Leaders in Health Policy, Nursing and Quality of Care Issues
- **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS:** Apply to be a Fellow in the [*Policy Research Mentorship Program!*](#)
- The Director of the *Washington Health Policy Institute* is Tim M. Henderson, MSPH, MAMC, Acting Deputy Director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics. Mr. Henderson formerly was a senior health policy analyst with the National Conference of State Legislatures and National Governors' Association, and has 30 years experience administering/consulting with community and hospital-based primary care programs.

Institute Participants Learn About:

- How policy is made – the process, structures, players and influential forces
- How problems drive action
- The role of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches in health policymaking
- The Federal budget
- Influences on the policy process: interest groups, Federal and state agencies, influential leaders, associations, coalitions, and the media
- The relationship between policy and politics, and political strategy
- U.S. health care infrastructure – is it up to the challenges of inadequate financing, growing numbers of uninsured, patient safety and quality, high costs, workforce shortages, and other issues?
- How to conduct an effective meeting with a policymaker or legislator
- Communication skills for political success
- Making Capitol Hill visits

Target Audience

- Health Care Professionals
- Health Organization and Association Staff
- Health Scholars and Educators
- Policy Analysts, Congressional Staff, Interest Group Members and others involved in health policy activities

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