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**Education**

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**Career Brief**

Timothy Waidmann (Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan) is a health economist with over 20 years of experience designing and conducting studies in a variety of health policy topics including disability and health among the elderly; Medicare and Medicaid policy; disability and employment; public health and prevention; and health status and access to health care in vulnerable populations.

In the areas of aging, disability and long-term care, Waidmann has designed and conducted studies of disability trends among the elderly in the U.S. and other industrialized countries and the impact of these trends on Medicare spending. He has conducted several studies the impact of potential reforms of the Medicare program, including an increase in the age of eligibility for benefits, a voluntary Medicare buy-in program for the near-elderly, a consolidation of the Medicare benefit package, and improved protections for low-income beneficiaries. He has also studied sources of geographic variation in Medicare spending and the effects of those variations on beneficiary health outcomes; access to physician services among Medicare beneficiaries; models of residential transition among the elderly; the development of a framework for identifying interventions to reduce population disability rates; an examination of potential improvements in survey measures of late-life disability; a study of asset divestment among potential nursing home entrants; and a study of the diversity of health problems and care needs of dual eligibles. He currently leads Urban Institute work on a national evaluation of financial alignment demonstrations for dual eligibles as well as a study of changes in insurance coverage, access to care, and affordability among persons age 50-64 using Urban's Health Reform Monitoring Survey.

In the area of work-disability, Waidmann has worked on several studies of the impacts of health and government disability policy on labor force decisions using the Health and Retirement Survey, and a study of the social welfare implications of imperfect medical screening in the Social Security disability insurance program. Recent work includes the testing of alternative specifications of health status in econometric models of retirement and the use of Social Security early retirement option as a safety net for people with disabilities and a study of the value of the disability insurance program for persons with mental illness.

In the areas of health and health care in vulnerable populations, Waidmann has designed and conducted studies of race and ethnic differences in health, insurance coverage and access to medical care using the National Survey of America's Families; studies of access to care among recent immigrants; studies of health status and active life expectancy of populations living in neighborhoods of extreme poverty; and a study of racial and ethnic disparities in care received at the end of life. Recent work includes a set of studies on the impact of undocumented immigrants on the U.S. health care system, and estimates of the aggregate cost of health disparities to the US health care system; and a study of geographic variation in spending and quality of care in the Medicaid program. He recently completed a study of recent changes in mortality rates for Americans with low educational attainment.

In the areas of public health and prevention, Dr. Waidmann led the development of a methodology to evaluate the impact of public health interventions on medical care spending, and has estimated the potential savings to public and private sector health insurance providers of investment in evidence-based prevention activities. He is currently part of the Urban Institute team studying the social determinants of health.

Dr. Waidmann's management experience includes the coordination of several large Institute-wide task order contracts with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Program Support Center of the Department of Health and Human Services. He currently manages the Urban Institute subcontract on the Evaluation of Financial Alignment Demonstration, and managed the recently completed subcontract on the federal evaluation of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Prior to joining the Urban Institute was assistant professor of Public Health Policy and Administration at the University of Michigan where he was responsible for the course offerings in resource allocation in the School of Public Health.

### **Professional Background**

2010 – present Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute

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1996 – 1999 Research Associate I, The Urban Institute

1994 – 1996 National Institute on Aging Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Population Studies Center and Survey Research Center, University of Michigan

1991 – 1996 Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Policy and Administration, School of Public Health, University of Michigan (on leave, 1994-1996).

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### **Presentations**

- "Access to Private Health Insurance Among CHIP Enrollees" 2014 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, San Diego, CA.

- “Examining the Causes of High Average Spending among Dual Eligibles” 2013 Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC.
- “High-Cost Duals: Who They Are and What Drives Their Spending?” 2012 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- “Estimating the Economic Cost of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities,” 2012 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- “Economic Cost Burden of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities,” 2011 National Caucus on Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Health Disparities, Washington, DC.
- “The Case for a Federal Role in Diabetes Prevention,” United Health Group / American Diabetes Association Congressional Briefing, 2011.
- “The Economic Impact of Health Disparities,” Association for Prevention Teaching and Research Annual Conference, 2011, Washington, DC.
- “Thoughts on the Economics of Health Disparities,” Institute of Medicine Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities, Washington DC, 2011.
- “Reconciling Findings on the Employment Effect of Disability Insurance,” Social Security Administration Annual Retirement Research Conference, Washington DC, 2010.
- “Modeling the Effects of a Medicare Buyin program,” Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Boston MA, 2010.
- “The Social Security Early Retirement Benefit as Safety Net” Michigan Retirement Research Center Annual Research Conference, Ann Arbor MI, 2010; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Conference, Boston, MA, 2010.
- “Characteristics of Dual Eligible Beneficiaries and Patters of Health Care Utilization” World Health Care Congress 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Summit on Medicare, Washington DC, 2009.
- “Estimating the Cost of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities,” Congressional Briefing. 2009.
- “Estimating the Effects of a Medicare Buy-in Program.” American Society of Health Economists, Durham, NC, 2008.
- “Improving Access in a Binational Population: The Potential Role for Binational Health Insurance.” AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Orlando, 2007.
- “Examining Long-Term Care Episodes and Care Histories for Medicare Beneficiaries: A Longitudinal Analysis of Elderly Individuals with Congestive Heart Failure” Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, 2006; AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Orlando, 2007.
- “Asset Transfer and Nursing Home Use” Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, 2006.
- “Promoting Decline in Late-Life Disability: A Framework for Identifying High-Impact Interventions” Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, 2005.
- “Using a Structural Model to Simulate the Effect of Changes to the OASDI and Medicare Programs” Social Security Administration Annual Retirement Research Conference,

- Washington, 2004 & Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured Research Conference, 2005.
- “Trends in Elderly Disability: Cross-National Comparisons,” Population Association of America, Minneapolis, 2003.
- “What Explains Minority Disparities in Health Care Access and Utilization?” AHSRHP poster, Washington, DC.
- “Accounting for Recent Declines in Employment Rates among the Working-aged Disabled” Cornell University Employment and Disability Policy Institute, Washington, 2001 and Gerontological Society of America, Chicago, 2001.
- “The Health and Retirement Study and Long-term Care Research” Presented at a meeting sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Rockville, MD, 2000.
- “International Evidence on Trends in Disability Among the Elderly” DHHS briefing, Washington, 1999. Administration on Aging Symposium, Baltimore, 1999. OECD Conference on Active Aging, Paris, 1999.
- “Race and Ethnic Differences in Access to and Use of Health Services” 1999 AHSR poster, Chicago, IL.
- “Excess Mortality Among Prime-Aged Adults in Selected Poor Populations, 1980-1990” 1998 APHA poster, Washington, DC.
- “Disability Trends Among the Elderly and Implications for Future Medicare Spending” 1998 Joint Statistical Meetings, Dallas, TX.
- “The Impact of Malpractice Fears on Cesarean Section Rates” Council of Economic Advisers Brownbag Seminar Series, February 1998.
- “Potential Effects of an Increase in Medicare’s Age of Eligibility” 1997 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH.
- “Measuring the Effects of Health on Retirement Behavior” 1997 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH.
- “Race, Age and Health: The Effects of Socioeconomic Inequality” 1996 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New York.
- “Race, Socioeconomic Status and Health: Accounting for Race Differences in Health in the U.S. Elderly.” 1995 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco.
- “Race, Socioeconomic Status and Health: Accounting for Race Differences in the Health of the U.S. Elderly.” 1994 Annual Scientific Meeting, Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta.
- “Socioeconomic Differences in Disability Status and Labor Force Participation” 1994 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Miami.
- “The Illusion of Failure: Trends in the Self-reported Health of the U.S. Elderly 1993 Annual Scientific Meeting, Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.

“Workers' Compensation Benefits and the Incidence of Workplace Injury.” 1992 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.

“Disability Insurance Under Imperfect Information: Is Medical Screening too Restrictive?” National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA. 1992.

“Disability Transfers and the Labor Force Attachment of Older Men: Evidence from the Historical Record.” 1990 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Toronto, Canada.

### **Fellowships, Honors, Awards**

Urban Institute President’s Award for Outstanding Research Publication, Policy Research, 2010.

National Institute on Aging Post-doctoral fellowship, 1994-1996.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1990-1991. (Awarded to 25 outstanding economics and mathematics students at select universities nationwide.)

National Institutes of Health Graduate Traineeship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 1988-1990

University of Michigan Regents Fellowship, 1986-1988

### **Other Professional Activities**

#### **Member:**

- National Academy of Social Insurance

#### **Consultant:**

- Council of Economic Advisers: wrote chapter on Health in Changing America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being by Race and Hispanic Origin written by CEA for President’s Initiative on Race, 1998.

#### **NIH Review Panels:**

- Special Emphasis Panel: “Developing Integrated Economic Models of Health and Retirement”
- Program Project Renewal: “Aging and Economics”
- Program Project Renewal: “Population Models of Factors Affecting Health Trends”
- Economics Special Emphasis Panel: National Institute on Aging Small Grant Review

#### **Expert Panels:**

- Expert Review Panel for Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey
- ASPE Technical Expert Panel on CLASS modeling.
- BLS Expert panel on Eldercare issues for American Time Use Survey, 2005
- NIA Technical Working Group on Resolving Inconsistencies in Old-Age Disability Trends, 2002
- NIA Workshop on Disability, 2001

- NIA TRENDS group.

**Journal Referee**

*American Economic Review, Annals of Epidemiology, Demography, Economic Journal, The Gerontologist, Health Affairs, Health Economics, Health Services Research, Inquiry, Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Rural Health, Milbank Quarterly, National Tax Journal, Research in Labor Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, BMC Health Services Research, Canadian Journal of Economics.*