

Catherine McLaughlin



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Dr. McLaughlin has studied various health economics topics since joining the UM faculty in 1983. Her current research interests are focused on the uninsured, managed care, market competition, and employer and employee benefit choice. She has published numerous articles on the impact of HMOs on market competition and health care costs, the determinants of small area variation in hospital utilization and costs, and issues surrounding the working uninsured. Recent publications include: "Medigap Premiums and Medicare HMO Enrollment," in *Health Services Research*; "The Impact of Health Plan Report Cards on Managed Care Enrollment," in *Journal of Health Economics*; "Health Care Consumer Choice: The Role of Information," in *The Political Economy of Health Care Reforms*; "The Who, What, and How of Managed Care," in *The Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*; "Health Care Consumers: Choices and Constraints" in *Medical Care Research and Review*, "Competition, Quality of Care, and The Role of Consumers," in *The Milbank Quarterly*, "The Demand for Health Insurance Coverage by Low-Income Workers: Can Reduced Premiums Achieve Full Coverage?," in *Health Services Research*, "Comment on: Worker Demand for Health Insurance in the Non-Group Market," in *Journal of Health Economics*, and "Small-Business Winners and Losers Under Health Care Reform," in *Health Affairs*.