16-07 HEALTH ECONOMIST/MODELER

Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis Division

The Congressional Budget Office is a small nonpartisan agency that provides economic, policy, and budgetary analysis to the Congress. The Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis Division (HRLD) is seeking a health economist with strong modeling skills to contribute to a variety of projects and analyses in which complex modeling techniques—including advanced econometric methods and microsimulation—are necessary.

HRLD's recently completed work includes multiple analyses of the effects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)—or changes to its provisions—on insurance coverage and federal health care spending, an analysis of the budgetary and economic effects of repealing the ACA, long-term projections of spending in federal health care programs, an analysis of competition and costs in providing Medicare's drug benefit, and a study of illustrative options for designing a "premium support" system for Medicare. Ongoing work includes further analyses related to the ACA and studies on a broad range of topics, including drivers of private insurance premiums, factors affecting the supply and prices of medical care, and the effects of policies to address obesity on health care spending.

The successful candidate will contribute to the full range of the division's responsibilities, focusing in particular on designing and improving state-of-the-art analytic models that underlie CBO's health analyses and contributing to CBO's studies and reports. In addition to producing studies and reports, the person hired will be encouraged to turn projects or independent research into CBO working papers or outside publications.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in economics or a related discipline. Applicants should also have a strong quantitative background with demonstrated knowledge of modeling techniques; experience or training in health policy analysis using large, complex data sets; excellent writing skills; and a desire to work as part of a team on issues of current legislative interest to the Congress.

Salary and Benefits

The salary is competitive and will be commensurate with experience, education, and other qualifications. CBO offers excellent benefits and an appealing work environment.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter, résumé, a brief writing sample, contact information for three references, and, if the Ph.D. is recent, unofficial transcripts online at www.cbo.gov/careers. Also, if the degree is recent, have letters of recommendation sent to careers@cbo.gov in place of references. Only complete applications will be considered. This position is covered by the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act, as made applicable by the Congressional Accountability Act, as amended.

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