

## Call for Papers

### Special Issue on “Health, Economics, and Family Role”

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This special issue of the *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* invites original empirical or theoretical research papers relevant to the role of individuals and families in improving the health of nation. While much of the policy debate on health care reform focuses on health care providers and the payers for health care, a large part of the health of individuals and the nation depends on the actions of individuals and families--in learning health skills and in living healthier lifestyles.

Understanding the nature and causes of the health of nations is not possible without understanding the role of the family in acquiring and teaching the skills needed to live healthily, analogous to the role of parents in promoting the education attainment of their children. This may be as important as the role of government regulators and healthcare professionals in containing healthcare costs, extending life expectancy and increasing the quality of life.

The ideas of scholars and health policy makers are powerful, but not commonly understood, especially in view of the increasing size and complexity of the public and private roles in the health care of families. As the role of the public sector in regulating, financing and delivering healthcare grows, individual accountability may be seriously weakened, increasing health costs and failing to achieve intended health outcomes. This special issue encourages fresh perspectives that could possibly turn much of the policy debate on its head. The state of flux in the health care poses ongoing challenges and opportunities to the families, providers, insurers, and regulators who have varied incentives and aspirations. This provides a fertile ground for scholars to analyze underlying health issues and to provide ideas that would substantively influence individuals and families in playing a more effective role in improving the nation's health. This special issue will bring together papers that investigate important topics in family health and economic issues. Both quantitative and qualitative papers are welcome.

**Suggested areas of research for this special JFEI issue include, but are not limited to, the following:**

Economics of intrafamily resource allocation in health skills

Family investments in health skills and the cost of healthcare

Socioeconomic status of healthy families: Who are they, where are they, and why are they healthy?

What should a family know about health and health economics?

Economics of being a good patient: How should patients most efficiently collaborate with their family doctors?

Economic perspective on happiness and health: Are healthy families happier?  
Family Economics and the consequences of parental decision making on the children's health  
Economic impacts of maternal death  
Economics of public and private role in family health  
Role of policies and incentives in family investments in prevention and promoting health  
Economic pathways to minimize substance abuse and to reduce family members' use of health care services  
Family health and economic development at community and/or national level  
Economic literacy in understanding family health disparities  
Health, income disparities, and immigrant families  
Economics of ageing and family health  
What should poor families pay for their health care and what should be their obligations for minimizing use of the healthcare system?  
Spatial distribution of families and family health disparities: Health Status, Health expenditures, and Health finance  
A survey of research data in health and family economic issues

### **Submission Guidelines**

Please follow the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* to prepare your manuscript. The manuscript should not be more than 35 pages in length, including text, tables, figures, and references. Send an electronic copy of the paper to the journal's submission website at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/1058-0476> **on or before March 1, 2010**. Please submit it to this category: SI: **Health, Economics, and Family Role**

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