The Department of Health Policy and Management, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California, are pleased to host the 28th Annual Health Economics Conference (AHEC) October 19-20, 2017.

A small number of papers (approximately 12) will be selected for the conference. Approximately one hour will be devoted to each paper in order to facilitate in-depth discussion (around 30 minutes for the presenting author, 15 minutes for an assigned discussant, and 15 minutes for discussion with the audience). We invite both theoretical and empirical papers on health economics topics and encourage the participation of economists in all fields whose current research focuses on health care issues. Papers addressing issues of quality, coverage and access are particularly sought, though submissions on any area of health economics will receive full consideration. We will aim for a mix of scholars - established and new to the field. Papers will be chosen based on their originality, degree of innovation, and rigor.

AHEC is an invitation-only conference with attendance restricted to people actively participating as presenters or discussants.

Submit a Paper for Presentation

A panel of health economists will select 10 to 12 papers for presentation at AHEC. Selection of participants will be based on abstracts, though full papers are required in advance of the meeting. If you would like to present at AHEC, please submit a completed paper or an extended abstract (1 to 2 pages) no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT Monday, June 5, 2017.

Please submit your paper or abstract via email at <u>romley@healthpolicy.usc.edu</u>.

Discussants

While discussants are typically drawn from paper submitters, if you would like to participate as a discussant without submitting an abstract for consideration, please indicate your interest by submitting your information via email at <u>romley@healthpolicy.usc.edu</u> no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT Monday, June 5, 2017.

Logistics

The conference will run from approximately 1:00 p.m. on Thursday October 19, through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20. Contingent on grant funding from AHRQ, the 28th AHEC will again follow a "you pay your way, we pay your stay" model .

Please forward this announcement to any researchers who may be interested.

We look forward to reviewing your papers. For more information, please contact us at <u>romley@healthpolicy.usc.edu</u>