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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
Assistant Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, July 2023 –

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Postdoctoral Scholar, School of Medicine, August 2019 – July 2023

EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Ph.D., Health Policy & Management (Concentration in Economics), 2019

Williams College, Williamstown, MA
B.A., Economics and English, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Becky Staiger*, Valentin Bolotnyy*, Sonya Borrero, Maya Rossin-Slater, Jessica Van Parys, and Caitlin Myers. “Obstetrician and Gynecologist Physicians’ Practice Locations Before and After the Dobbs Decision.” *JAMA Network Open*. 2025.

Joseph Doyle and **Becky Staiger**. “Physician Group Influences on Treatment Intensity and Health: Evidence from Physician Switchers.” *AEJ: Economic Policy*. Forthcoming.
NBER Working Paper No. 29613

Becky Staiger, Madeline Helfer, and Jessica Van Parys. “The effect of Medicaid expansion on the take-up of disability benefits by race and ethnicity.” *Health Economics*. 2023.

Ran Sun, **Becky Staiger**, Antonia Chan, Laurence C. Baker, and Tina Hernandez-Boussard. “Changes in Medicaid enrollment during the COVID-19 pandemic across 6 states.” *Medicine*. 2022.

Becky Staiger*, Anran Li*, Diane Alexander, and Molly Schnell. “Enrollment Brokers Did Not Increase Medicaid Enrollment, 2008–18.” *Health Affairs*. 2022.

Zack Cooper, Olivia Stiegman, Chima D. Ndumele, **Becky Staiger**, and Jonathan Skinner. “Geographical Variation in Health Spending Across the US Among Privately Insured Individuals and Enrollees in Medicaid and Medicare.” *JAMA Network Open*. 2022.

Becky Staiger. “Disruptions to the Patient-Provider Relationship and Patient Utilization and Outcomes: Evidence from Medicaid Managed Care.” *Journal of Health Economics*. 2022.

Katherine Piwnica-Worms, **Becky Staiger**, Joseph S. Ross, Marjorie S. Rosenthal, and Chima D. Ndumele. “Effects of Forced Disruption in Medicaid Managed Care on Children with Asthma.” *Health Services Research*. 2021.

Chima D. Ndumele, **Becky Staiger**, Joseph S. Ross, and Mark J. Schlesinger. “Network Optimization and the Continuity of Physicians in Medicaid Managed Care.” *Health Affairs*. 2018.

*Indicates shared first authorship.

WORKING PAPERS **Provider Opioid Prescribing Behaviors and Opioid Use in Medicaid** (with Laurence Baker and Tina Hernandez-Boussard)

Abstract: Liberal prescription of opioids is widely believed to have contributed to the ongoing epidemic of opioid misuse and related harms within the United States and elsewhere. Policies aimed at curbing the epidemic have focused on encouraging providers to adopt stricter opioid prescribing behaviors. However, the extent to which the association between providers' opioid prescribing behaviors and their patients' opioid use reflects a causal influence of behavior versus patient-provider sorting is unclear. Using Medicaid claims data for three states from 2016-2021, we use provider exits from Medicaid to evaluate how enrollees with chronic pain are affected by a switch to a lower- or higher-prescribing provider. We find that among patients with prior opioid use, switching to lower intensity physicians leads to as much as a 75% decrease in opioid use, with evidence of increased hospitalizations. While we observe a 15% increase in opioid use among opioid-naïve enrollees who switch to more intensely prescribing providers, the health effects are less clear. Our findings are similar when using an instrumental variables approach to correct for the potential endogeneity of the destination provider's prescribing intensity.

GRANTS

ACTIVE

Acquisitions of Physician Practices and Effects on Medicaid Enrollees 2024 – 2026

Commonwealth Fund

Grant # 24-24033

Budget: \$199,999

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Ambar La Forgia)

Racial Bias in Risk Adjustment Algorithms and Implications for Racial Health Disparities: Evidence from Dual-Eligible Medicare/Medicaid Long-term Care Patients in New York 2022 – 2026

National Institute on Aging

5R01AG077949-02

Co-Principal Investigators: Ajin Li and Maya Rossin-Slater

Role: Co-Investigator

COMPLETED

How Does Chronic Condition Care Received in Medicaid Affect Health Utilization and Outcomes in Medicare? 2023 – 2024

Centers on the Economics of Demography and Aging and National Institute of Aging

P30 AG012839

Budget: \$30,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Identifying Trends and Disparities in Healthcare Utilization, Access, and Health Outcomes Among Racial/Ethnic Minority Supplemental Security Income Recipients 2021 – 2022

Social Security Administration and National Bureau of Economic Research Retirement and Disability Research Center

NB22-14

Principal Investigator: Nicole Maestas

Role: Project Leader

TEACHING AND
ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of California, Berkeley

Instructor

Causal Inference Journal Club; Spring 2024

Stanford University

Instructor

Empirical Methods in Public Policy; Spring 2021 (with Gopi Shah Goda)

Yale University

Teaching Fellow

Comparative Health Systems; Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Teaching Fellow

Introduction to Health Policy and Health Systems; Fall 2016, 2017, 2018

Teaching Fellow

Maternal-Child Public Health and Nutrition; Fall 2015

Teaching Fellow

Microeconomics for Health Policy & Management; Spring 2015

Teaching Fellow

Health Policy and Health Systems; Fall 2014

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS

Berkeley School of Public Health Health Policy and Management Colloquium, Occasional Berkeley Health Economics Workshop, UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab Applied Microeconomics Conference, National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute

2023 – 2024

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Electronic Health Economics Colloquium, BFI Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference 2023, Medicaid Insights Colloquium, Stanford Biomedical Informatics Colloquium

2022 – 2023

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Social Security Administration

2021 – 2022

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

2020 – 2021

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference (cancelled)

2019 – 2020

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference

2018 – 2019

	<i>American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference</i>	2015 – 2016
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	The Dartmouth Institute , Lebanon, NH	
	<i>Senior Technical Research Programmer/Analyst</i>	2019 – 2022
	<i>Research Assistant to Professor Jonathan Skinner</i>	2016 – 2019
	Yale University , New Haven, CT	
	<i>Research Assistant to Professor Chima Ndumele</i>	2016 – 2019
	National Bureau of Economic Research , Cambridge, MA	
	<i>Research Assistant to Professor Joseph Doyle</i>	2012 – 2013
	Analysis Group , Washington, DC	
	<i>Analyst</i>	2011 – 2012
	Federal Reserve Board of Governors , Washington, DC	
	<i>Research Assistant</i>	2009 – 2011
SERVICE	University Service	
	Report: Identifying Impacts of the Planned Closure of the Alta Bates Campus Hospital in Berkeley (Chancellor’s Community Partnership Initiative)	2024
	<i>Project lead</i>	
	Grant Review	
	Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Merit Review	July 2024
	<i>Scientific Reviewer</i>	
	Ad hoc journal peer review (alphabetical)	
	<i>Addiction, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Health Affairs Scholar, Health Economics, the Journal of the Economics of Ageing, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Management Science, RAND Journal of Economics</i>	
	Organized Conferences	
	<i>Occasional Berkeley Health Economics Workshop</i>	March 2024