

## Becky Staiger

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### APPOINTMENTS

**Stanford University**, Stanford, CA

Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Biomedical Informatics, School of Medicine, August 2021 –  
Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Health Policy/Primary Care and Outcomes Research, August  
2019 – August 2021

### 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

### WORKING PAPERS

**Physician Group Influences on Treatment Intensity and Health: Evidence from Physician Switchers**, NBER Working Paper No. 29613 (with Joseph Doyle)

*Abstract: Treatment intensity varies remarkably across physicians, yet the key drivers are not well understood. Meanwhile, the organization of healthcare is undergoing a secular transformation as physicians increasingly work in groups. This paper tests whether physicians' group affiliation matters for practice styles and patient health. Using Medicare inpatient claims data, we compare these outcomes before and after physicians switch between groups of varying treatment intensity while remaining in the same hospital to control for practice setting. Event studies show that internists who join more-intensive groups immediately increase their own treatment intensity, with an elasticity of approximately 0.3; the opposite is found for internists who switch to groups that are less intensive. This change in Medicare spending largely stems from greater quantities of care provided, with some evidence of a change in coding behavior. We do not detect a change in health outcomes, suggesting that treatment intensity induced by group affiliation may not be productive.*

### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Changes in Medicaid Enrollment During the COVID-19 Pandemic Across Six States” (with Ran Sun, Atonia Chan, Laurence Baker, and Tina Hernandez-Boussard)

“Child Health Equity Research to Action: Bright Spots (CHERABS)” (with Ryan Padrez, Lee Sanders, Edgar Schein, Peter Schein, and Sara Singer)

“Domestic Mass Shootings and Veteran Mental Health” (with Valentin Bolotnyy, Shira Gavriella Winter, and Jarrod Marks)

“The Effect of Mandatory Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment on Healthcare Utilization and Health Among Aged and Disabled Enrollees” (with Kate Bundorf and Mark Duggan)

“Geographic Variation in US Health Spending among the Privately Insured, Medicaid, and Medicare Enrollees” (with Zack Cooper, Olivia Steigman, Chima Ndumele, and Jonathan Skinner)

“How Do Providers and Patients Contribute to Patient Opioid Use and Abuse? Evidence from Medicaid” (with Oualid El Hajouji, Laurence Baker, and Tina Hernandez-Boussard)

“Identifying Trends and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Healthcare Utilization, Access, and Health Outcomes Among Supplemental Security Income Recipients”

*“The Impact of Gender Concordant Patient-Provider Relationships on Health Care Utilization and Outcomes in Vulnerable Populations: Evidence from Medicaid Managed Care”*

*“State Contracts with Enrollment Brokers Do Not Increase Medicaid Enrollment”* (with Anran Li, Diane Alexander, and Molly Schnell)

PUBLICATIONS

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

Piwnica-Worms, Katherine and **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.

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

GRANTS

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

Social Security Administration-National Bureau of Economic Research Retirement and Disability Research Center/NB22-14, 2021 - 2022

Principal Investigator: Nicole Maestas

Role: Project Leader

**Advancing Knowledge Discovery for Postoperative Pain Management**

National Library of Medicine, Aug. 2021 -

Principal Investigator: Tina Hernandez-Boussard

**NRSA Institutional Health Services Research Training Program**

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2021

Principal Investigators: Laurence C. Baker and Douglas K. Owens

**P01-AG019783: Causes and Consequences of Health Care Intensity**

National Institute on Aging/National Institutes of Health, Oct. 2016 - Present

Principal Investigator: Jonathan Skinner

**NRSA Predoctoral Fellowship**

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Jul. 2016 - 2018

Principal Investigator: Ingrid Nembhard

**T32 Yale Training Program in Addiction, Economics and Policy**

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Aug. 2013 - Jul. 2016

Principal Investigator: Jody L. Sindelar

TEACHING AND

ACADEMIC SERVICE

**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

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**The Dartmouth Institute**, Lebanon, NH

*Senior Technical Research Programmer/Analyst*

*Research Assistant to Professor Jonathan Skinner*

**2019 –  
2016 – 2019**

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT

*Research Assistant to Professor Chima Ndumele*

**2016 – 2019**

**National Bureau of Economic Research**, Cambridge, MA

*Research Assistant to Professor Joseph Doyle*

**2012 –**

**Analysis Group**, Washington, DC

*Analyst*

**2011 – 2012**

**Federal Reserve Board of Governors**, Washington, DC

*Research Assistant*

**2009 – 2011**

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EXPERIENCE

*Journal of Health Economics, Management Science, RAND Journal of Economics*