# NATALIA SERNA

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#### **CURRENT APPOINTMENT**

Stanford University	09/2023 - Current
Assistant Professor of Health Policy	

## **EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin - Madison	
PhD in Economics	05/2023
MS in Economics	06/2019
Icesi University	
MS in Economics	06/2015
Bachelor in Economics and International Business	02/2014

#### PAST APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin - Madison	07/2021 - 06/2022
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Research Assistant

Principal Investigator: Lorenzo Magnolfi.

# University of Wisconsin - Madison 01/2019 - 06/2020

Research Assistant

Principal Investigator: Marguerite Burns.

#### RESEARCH FIELDS

Industrial Organization, Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics.

#### ORIGINAL PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Total publications: 5 Authors are organized in alphabetical order based on last names, unless otherwise stated.

Exogenous Exits, Market Structure, and Equilibrium Contracts in Healthcare. Accepted at American Economic Review: Insights

Magnolfi, L., Mommaerts, C., Serna. N., and Sullivan, C. (2024) The Rise of Urgent Care Centers: Implications for Competition and Access to Health Care. *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*, 2(2), 201-243.

McNamara, C. and Serna, N., (2022). The Impact of a National Formulary Expansion on Diabetics, *Health Economics*, 31(11), 2311-2332.

Serna, N., (2021). Cost Sharing and the Demand for Health Services in a Regulated Market, (2021). *Health Economics*, 30(6), 1259-1275.

Burns, M., Dague, L., Saloner, B. Serna, N.\*, Voskuil, K., Kim, N., and Look, K., (2020). Implementing Parity for Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment in Medicaid. *Health Services Research*, 55(4). \*Statistical analysis. Administrative, technical, or material support.

Saloner, B., Dague, L., Friedsam, D., Serna, N.\*, Volskuil, K., and Burns, M., (2019). Access to Care Among Individuals Who Experienced Medicaid Lockouts After Premium Nonpayment, *Journal of the American Medical Association, Network Open*, 2(11). \*Statistical analysis. Administrative, technical, or material support.

#### PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

Total publications: 4 Authors are organized in alphabetical order based on last names, unless otherwise stated.

Martin, J., Riascos, A., and Serna, N., (2019). Welfare Effects of Switching Barriers Through Permanence Clauses: Evidence from the Mobiles Market in Colombia, *Telecommunications Research*, 43(4).

Riascos, A. and Serna, N., (2018). Machine Learning Based Program to Prevent Hospitalizations and Reduce Costs in the Colombian Statutory Health Care System, (2018). *International Journal of Knowledge Discovery in Bioinformatics*, 8(2).

Riascos, A., Romero, M., and Serna, N., (2018). Risk Adjustment Revisited using Machine Learning Techniques, *Proceeding Series of the Brazilian Society of Computational and Applied Mathematics*, 6(2).

Riascos, A. and Serna, N., (2017). Predicting Annual Length-of-Stay and its Impact on Health Costs: The Case of the Colombian Healthcare System, *Proceedings of Machine Learning Research*, 69.

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

The Role of Provider Networks in Individual Mortality. With Giancarlo Buitrago, Paul Rodriguez-Lesmes, Marcos Vera-Hernandez

Determinants of Provider Networks: Risk Selection vs. Network Formation Costs.

Do Payment Contracts in Healthcare Influence Medical Treatment Decisions? With Cici McNamara

Health Insurer Gatekeeping.

Centralized and Decentralized Equilibria in Provider Networks.

Enrollee Reassignment Rules after Health Plan Terminations. With Giancarlo Buitrago, Paul Rodriguez-Lesmes, Marcos Vera-Hernandez

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

California Health Economics Conference	Los Angeles, CA, 11/2024
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)	San Diego, CA, 06/2024
Bates White Life Sciences Symposium	Washington D.C., 05/2024
International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC)	Boston, MA, 05/2024
Health Economics and Policy Innovation Collaborative (HEPIC)	Atlanta, GA, 04/2024
National Bureau of Economic Research, Spring Meeting (NBER IO)	Stanford, CA, 02/2024
Junior Health Economics Summit	Canada, 02/2024
Becker Friedman Institute, Women in Empirical Microeconomics	Chicago, IL, 09/2023
National Bureau of Economic Research, Summer Institute (NBER IO)	Boston, MA, 07/2023
International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC)	Washington D.C., 04/2023
Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE)	Stanford, CA, 07/2022
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)	Austin, TX, 06/2022
International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC)	Boston, MA, 04/2022
Midwest Economics Association (MEA)	Minneapolis, MN, 03/2022
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)	Austin, TX, 11/2021
Midwest Economics Association (MEA)	Virtual, 03/2021
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)	Virtual, 06/2021

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Health Care Systems Around the World (Undergraduate)

Winter 2025

Department of Human Biology, Stanford University.

R Software (Master's)

Spring 2019

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Elementary Matrix and Linear Algebra (Undergraduate)
Department of Mathematics, University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Fall 2018

Principles of Economics 101 (Undergraduate)
Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - Madison

# FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025
2024
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2019

## **REVIEW SERVICE**

American Economic Review, National Science Foundation, Economic Journal, Health Economics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy.