

Health Policy Sites on the Web

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Think Tanks

Cato Institute (individual liberty, limited government, free markets, and peace)
www.cato.org/research/index.html

Brookings Institution (non-partisan policy and education) select social policy, then health
www.brookings.edu

Rand Corporation (nonprofit institution, policy and decision-making through research and analysis).
www.rand.org/health_area

Urban Institute (non-partisan economic and social policy research organization)
www.urban.org

Government Sites

New York State Government Information
(includes links to New York State Senate and Assembly)
www.nysl.nysed.gov/citizens.htm

Administration on Aging (AOA) Department of Health and Human Services
www.aoa.dhhs.gov/aoa.html

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR)
www.ahcpr.gov

Bureau of Primary Health Care
Strategic Plan (FY 2005-2010)
www.hrsa.gov/about/strategicplan.htm

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
www.cdc.gov

FedStats
www.fedstats.gov

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
(formerly Health Care Financing Admin.)
www.cms.hhs.gov

U.S. Federal Register
www.gpoaccess.gov/fr

Health Resources and Services Administration
www.hrsa.gov

National Association of County and City Health Officials
www.naccho.org/pubs

National Center for Health Statistics
www.cdc.gov/nchs/about.htm

National Institutes of Health
www.nih.gov

New York State Department of Health
www.health.state.ny.us

Office of Health Policy-DHHS
aspe.hhs.gov/health/index.shtml

Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP)
www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov

State Statutes by Topic (Health)
www.law.cornell.edu/topics/state_statutes3.html#health

Bureau of Labor Statistics
(cost of medical care releases/health care expenditures)
www.bls.gov/news

NYS Department of Education, Office of the Professions www.op.nysed.gov/nurse.htm

NLM National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology
www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr

Thomas Legislative Information on the Net from the Library of Congress
thomas.loc.gov

Commercial, Professional and other Organizations

American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)

www.ache.org

American Public Health Association

www.apha.org/index.cfm

The Commonwealth Fund

www.cmwf.org

Family Caregiver Alliance

www.caregiver.org

Office for Civil Rights (HIPAA)

www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa

Moving Ideas

project of The American Prospect magazine

www.movingideas.org

JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)

www.jcaho.org

Kaiser Network-Kaiser Family Foundation

www.kaiseredu.org

www.kaisernetwork.org

National Center for Policy Analysis

www.ncpa.org

Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis (RUPRI)

www.rupri.org/healthpolicy

National Conference of State Legislatures

(500,000 state documents, policy reports, current and past legislation, statutes, and 50 state surveys)

www.ncsl.org

National Health Policy Forum (non-partisan info for federal staff and the public)

www.nhpf.org

OMB Watch (public interest group)

www.ombwatch.org/about.html

Speakout.com (Policy new & info service)

www.speakout.com/activism/issues

Society for Women's Health Research

www.womenshealthresearch.org

America's Health Insurance Plans AHIP

www.ahip.org

Center for Studying Health System Change

www.hschange.org

The National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform

www.nccnhr.org

Educational Institutions

Harvard University, Department of Health Care Policy

www.hcp.med.harvard.edu/publications

Duke University Health Policy Gateway

www.hpolicy.duke.edu/cyberexchange

UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu

International Agencies & Web Sites

World Health Organization (WHO)

www.who.org

OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

www.oecd.org

Health Policy Monitor

www.healthpolicymonitor.org

Legal Resources

FindLaw

www.findlaw.com

Hieros Gamos: Legal Directories

www.hg.org

NHeLP National Health Law Program

www.healthlaw.org

Data Sets/Statistics on the Internet

National Center for Health Statistics

www.cdc.gov/nchs

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

cms.hhs.gov

Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality

www.ahrq.gov/research

Healthcare Cost & Utilization Project

www.ahrq.gov/data/hcup

America's Health Rankings

www.unitedhealthfoundation.org/shr2004

Health and Retirement Study (HRS)

hrsonline.isr.umich.edu

Health Insurance Data

www.census.gov/ftp/pub/hhes/www/hlthins.html

New York State Department of Health

www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/research/research.htm

World Health Organization's Statistical Information System (WHOSIS)

www3.who.int/whosis/menu.cfm

National Survey of America's Families

www.urban.org/Content/Research/NewFederalism/Data/ANFData.htm

U.S. Statistical Abstracts, Health Statistics

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2004pubs/04statab/health.pdf>

MedlinePlus Health Statistics

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthstatistics.html

http://www.oecd.org/statistics/OECD_Statistics_Portal (statistics on the health care systems of 24 OECD countries)

Google to get the URL

EPA Cost of Illness Handbook (cost data for numerous diseases, disabilities, etc).

www.epa.gov/oppt/coi/index.html

Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce

phpartners.org

SUNYIT Cayan Library Resources

www.sunyit.edu/library

Recommended databases useful for health policy are:

Business Source Premier

Emerald Fulltext

ScienceDirect

ProQuest.

Opposing Viewpoints

Full-text Online Journals

Health Research Policy and Systems

www.health-policy-systems.com

BMC Health Services Research

www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963

Health Policy and Planning

heapol.oxfordjournals.org

Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

www.resource-allocation.com

International Journal for Equity in Health

www.equityhealthj.com

BioMed Central (see entire list of open access journals)

www.biomedcentral.com/browse/journals

FreeMedicalJournals

freemedicaljournals.com

See SUNYIT List of E-Journals, from the Library home page, click on “Journal Lists”

see for example: Health Affairs or Journal of Health Economics

Legislative Contacts

U.S. House of Representatives

clerkweb.house.gov/mbrcmtee/members/housemem.htm

U.S. Senate

www.senate.gov/senators/index.cfm

www.senate.gov

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

www.hhs.gov/agencies/os.html

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Public Health and Science

www.osophs.dhhs.gov/ophs/phhsdir.htm

New York State Department of Health

www.ogs.state.ny.us/telcom/org/agy_52.asp

New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)

www.nysacho.org/Directory/directory.html

Also see: **Tips for Effective Activism** from SpeakOut.com

speakout.com/activism/tips

Thomas -Legislative information databases from the Library of Congress

<http://thomas.loc.gov>