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In the United States, some populations suffer from far greater disparities in health than others. Those disparities are caused not only by fundamental differences in health status across segments of the population, but also because of inequities in factors that impact health status, so-called determinants of health. Only part of an individual's health status depends on his or her behavior and choice; community-wide problems like poverty, unemployment, poor education, inadequate housing, poor public transportation, interpersonal violence, and decaying neighborhoods also contribute to health inequities, as well as the historic and ongoing interplay of structures, policies, and norms that shape lives. When these factors are not optimal in a community, it does not mean they are intractable: such inequities can be mitigated by social policies that can shape health in powerful ways. *Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity* seeks to delineate the causes of and the solutions to health inequities in the United States. This report focuses on what communities can do to promote health equity, what actions are needed by the many and varied stakeholders that are part of communities or support them, as well as the root causes and structural barriers that need to be overcome.

Roughly 40 million Americans have no health insurance, private or public, and the number has grown steadily over the past 25 years. Who are these children, women, and men, and why do they lack coverage for essential health care services? How does the system of insurance coverage in the U.S. operate, and where does it fail? The first of six Institute of Medicine reports that will examine in detail the consequences of having a large uninsured population, *Coverage Matters: Insurance and Health Care*, explores the myths and realities of who is uninsured, identifies social, economic, and policy factors that contribute to the situation, and describes the likelihood faced by members of various population groups of being uninsured. It serves as a guide to a broad range of issues related to the lack of insurance coverage in America and provides background data of use to policy makers and health services researchers.

Fiscal pressures, rising health care costs, and increases in the number of uninsured may lead states to look toward public-private partnerships to help finance health insurance (HI) coverage. Through Medicaid and the State CHIP, states have authority to operate premium assistance programs that subsidize the purchase of private HI. This report describes states' premium assistance programs, including the: (1) funding source, operating authority, and type of private HI coverage subsidized; (2) policies regarding eligibility and enrollment; (3) benefits, premiums, and cost sharing; (4) expenditures and cost-effectiveness policies; and (5) challenges program officials reported in implementing and operating such programs. Figures. A print on demand report.

Distilling more than 50 years of combined experience from two distinguished New Jersey insurance law practitioners, this publication explains how to analyze, resolve or litigate the issues that can arise at every stage of an insurance coverage dispute in New Jersey. Practical and task oriented, it covers both decisive general considerations in insurance litigation and key issues that arise in specific lines of insurance. Most of the topics are categorized by relevant policy language and exclusions in various kinds

of policies for the purpose of making even the most esoteric of issues easily accessible. New Jersey Insurance Litigation combines how-to practice guidance, 49 task-oriented checklists, 120 strategic points, warnings, and cross-references to statutory, case, timing tips to prevent practice missteps. Includes cross-references to specific state and federal legislation, caselaw, and sources detailing the features of, and requirements for, insurance coverage in New Jersey. Comprehensive, authoritative coverage for the practitioner is provided for the following key topics: • Introduction to Insurance • Common Approaches to Coverage and Coverage Litigation Personal Lines • Commercial Lines: Commercial General Liability Policies • Commercial Lines: Worker's Compensation, First Party, Employee Fidelity, Environmental and Additional Insured Coverage • Professional Lines • Life, Health and Disability Insurance • Denials and Limitations of Insurance Coverage • Extracontractual Liability • Excess, Umbrella and Surplus Lines Insurance • Rehabilitation, Liquidation and Guarantee Funds

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"Why GAO Did This Study A central provision of PPACA requires the establishment of exchanges in each state-online marketplaces through which eligible individuals and small business employers can compare and select health insurance coverage from participating health plans. Exchanges are to begin enrollment by October 1, 2013, with coverage to commence January 1, 2014. States have some flexibility with respect to exchanges by choosing to establish and operate an exchange themselves (i.e., state-based), or by ceding this authority to HHS (i.e., federally facilitated). States may also choose to enter into a partnership with HHS whereby HHS establishes the exchange and the state assists with operating various functions. According to HHS, 18 states will establish a state-based exchange, while 26 will have a federally facilitated exchange. Seven states will partner with HHS. GAO was asked to report on (1) states' responsibilities for establishing exchanges, and (2) actions selected states have taken to establish exchanges and challenges they have encountered. To do this work, GAO reviewed PPACA provisions and HHS implementing regulations and guidance. GAO also conducted semistructured interviews with state officials in the District of Columbia, Iowa, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Oregon, and Rhode Island. For this review, GAO refers to the District of Columbia as a state. GAO selected these states based on several criteria, such as a 3-year average of states"

The anthrax incidents following the 9/11 terrorist attacks put the spotlight on the nation's public health agencies, placing it under an unprecedented scrutiny that added new dimensions to the complex issues considered in this report. The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century reaffirms the vision of Healthy People 2010, and outlines a systems approach to assuring the nation's health in practice, research, and policy. This approach focuses on joining the unique resources and perspectives of diverse sectors and entities and challenges these groups to work in a concerted, strategic way to promote and protect the public's health. Focusing on diverse partnerships as the framework for public health, the book discusses: The need for a shift from an individual to a population-based approach in practice, research, policy, and community engagement. The status of the governmental public health infrastructure and what needs to be improved, including its interface with the health care delivery system. The roles nongovernment actors, such as academia, business, local communities and the media can play in creating a healthy nation. Providing an accessible analysis, this book will be important to public health policy-makers and practitioners, business and community leaders, health advocates, educators and journalists.

LexisNexis Practice Guide New Jersey Insurance Litigation explains how to analyze, resolve, and/or litigate the issues that can arise at every stage of an insurance coverage dispute. This portable, practical, task-oriented guidebook to the various types of insurance provides

comprehensive, authoritative coverage for the practitioner on the following key topics: • Introduction to Insurance • Common Approaches to Coverage and Coverage Litigation • Personal Lines • Commercial Lines: Commercial General Liability Policies • Commercial Lines: Worker's Compensation, First Party, Employee Fidelity, Environmental and Additional Insured Coverage • Professional Lines • Life, Health and Disability Insurance • Denials and Limitations of Insurance Coverage • Extracontractual Liability • Excess, Umbrella and Surplus Lines Insurance • Rehabilitation, Liquidation and Guarantee Funds Distilling over 20 years of experience from two distinguished New Jersey insurance law practitioners, the LexisNexis Practice Guide New Jersey Insurance Litigation is a reliable roadmap through the complex and multi-faceted practice area of insurance law that combines how-to practice guidance, 49 task-oriented checklists, 120 strategic points, warnings, and cross-references to statutory, case, timing tips to prevent practice missteps, and cross-references to specific state and federal legislation, caselaw, and sources detailing the features of, and requirements for, insurance coverage in New Jersey.

Implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 will result in significant changes to the U.S. health care system. Among its many provisions, the ACA will extend access to health care coverage to millions of Americans who have been previously uninsured. Many of the newly eligible health insurance consumers will be individuals of low health literacy, some speakers of English and others more comfortable using languages other than English. Health insurance terms such as "deductible," "co-insurance," and "out-of-pocket limit" are difficult to communicate even to those with moderate-to-high levels of health literacy and so health exchanges will face challenges as they attempt to communicate to the broader community. In addition to having to convey some of these basic, and yet complex, principles of insurance, state exchanges will be attempting to adapt to the many changes to enrollment and eligibility brought about by ACA. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) convened the Roundtable on Health Literacy that brings together leaders from the federal government, foundations, health plans, associations, and private companies to discuss challenges facing health literacy practice and research and to identify approaches to promote health literacy in both the public and private sectors. The roundtable sponsored a workshop in Washington, DC, on July 19, 2011, that focused on ways in which health literacy can facilitate state health insurance exchange communication with potential enrollees. The roundtable's workshop focused on four topics: (1) lessons learned from existing state insurance exchanges; (2) the impact of state insurance exchanges on consumers; (3) the relevance of health literacy to health insurance exchanges; and (4) current best practices in developing materials and communicating with consumers. Facilitating State Health Exchange Communication Through the Use of Health Literate Practices summarizes the presentations and discussion that occurred during the workshop. The report provides an overview of health insurance exchanges, presents evidence on the extent to which consumers understand underlying health insurance concepts, and describes the relevancy of health literacy to health insurance reform and how health literacy interventions can facilitate the implementation of health insurance reforms. The report also provides a review of best practices in developing materials and communicating with consumers,

and concludes with reflections on the workshop presentations and discussions by members of the roundtable and its chair. Further information is provided in the appendixes, the workshop agenda (Appendix A), workshop speaker biosketches (Appendix B), and testimony provided by the organization America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) (Appendix C).

This guide helps people with Medicare understand Medigap (also called Medicare Supplement Insurance) policies. A Medigap policy is a type of private insurance that helps you pay for some of the costs that Original Medicare doesn't cover.

Many Americans believe that people who lack health insurance somehow get the care they really need. Care Without Coverage examines the real consequences for adults who lack health insurance. The study presents findings in the areas of prevention and screening, cancer, chronic illness, hospital--based care, and general health status. The committee looked at the consequences of being uninsured for people suffering from cancer, diabetes, HIV infection and AIDS, heart and kidney disease, mental illness, traumatic injuries, and heart attacks. It focused on the roughly 30 million -- one in seven--working--age Americans without health insurance. This group does not include the population over 65 that is covered by Medicare or the nearly 10 million children who are uninsured in this country. The main findings of the report are that working-age Americans without health insurance are more likely to receive too little medical care and receive it too late; be sicker and die sooner; and receive poorer care when they are in the hospital, even for acute situations like a motor vehicle crash.

Insurance coverage disputes raise issues in which laws and outcomes regularly vary from state to state. Whether a claim is covered can depend a great deal on whether the case arises on one side of the street or another. It is imperative that insurance claims professionals, lawyers, brokers, risk managers, risk consultants, regulators and judges have adequate access to comparative state-law research. This book is designed to give the stakeholders in the claims process ready access to the law of all 50 states on the most important liability insurance issues to quickly learn and assess state law relevant to coverage disputes. The Second Edition includes nearly 800 new cases covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and adds a new chapter addressing Coverage for Pre-Tender Defense Costs.

Giving the names of insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies authorized to do business in Florida with a statement of their financial condition and transactions in the State of Florida.

Thanks to remarkable advances in modern health care attributable to science, engineering, and medicine, it is now possible to cure or manage illnesses that were long deemed untreatable. At the same time, however, the United States is facing the vexing challenge of a seemingly uncontrolled rise in the cost of health care. Total medical expenditures are

rapidly approaching 20 percent of the gross domestic product and are crowding out other priorities of national importance. The use of increasingly expensive prescription drugs is a significant part of this problem, making the cost of biopharmaceuticals a serious national concern with broad political implications. Especially with the highly visible and very large price increases for prescription drugs that have occurred in recent years, finding a way to make prescription medicines—and health care at large—more affordable for everyone has become a socioeconomic imperative. Affordability is a complex function of factors, including not just the prices of the drugs themselves, but also the details of an individual's insurance coverage and the number of medical conditions that an individual or family confronts. Therefore, any solution to the affordability issue will require considering all of these factors together. The current high and increasing costs of prescription drugs—coupled with the broader trends in overall health care costs—is unsustainable to society as a whole. Making Medicines Affordable examines patient access to affordable and effective therapies, with emphasis on drug pricing, inflation in the cost of drugs, and insurance design. This report explores structural and policy factors influencing drug pricing, drug access programs, the emerging role of comparative effectiveness assessments in payment policies, changing finances of medical practice with regard to drug costs and reimbursement, and measures to prevent drug shortages and foster continued innovation in drug development. It makes recommendations for policy actions that could address drug price trends, improve patient access to affordable and effective treatments, and encourage innovations that address significant needs in health care.

LexisNexis Practice Guide: New Jersey Insurance Litigation provides authoritative, easily accessible, concise guidance on how to navigate the many intertwining areas of New Jersey and federal statutory and case law that impact on insurance coverage and litigation. It combines how-to practice guidance, 49 task-oriented checklists, targeted cross-references to specific state and federal legislation and sources detailing the features of, and requirements for, insurance coverage, and 120 practice tips (strategic points, warnings, exceptions, and timing tips) to prevent practice missteps. This Practice Guide distills 20-plus years of experience from eminent insurance law practitioners to provide a reliable roadmap through the complex and multi-faceted practice area of insurance law. Comprehensive coverage includes the following key topics: Introduction to Insurance Common Approaches to Coverage and Coverage Litigation Personal Lines Commercial Lines: Commercial General Liability Policies Commercial Lines: Worker's Compensation, First Party, Employee Fidelity, Environmental and Additional Insured Coverage Professional Lines Life, Health and Disability Insurance Denials and Limitations of Insurance Coverage Extracontractual Liability Excess, Umbrella and Surplus Lines Insurance Rehabilitation, Liquidation and Guarantee Funds

The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers two programs that provide benefits based on disability: the Social

Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This report analyzes health care utilizations as they relate to impairment severity and SSA's definition of disability. Health Care Utilization as a Proxy in Disability Determination identifies types of utilizations that might be good proxies for "listing-level" severity; that is, what represents an impairment, or combination of impairments, that are severe enough to prevent a person from doing any gainful activity, regardless of age, education, or work experience.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) was designed to increase health insurance quality and affordability, lower the uninsured rate by expanding insurance coverage, and reduce the costs of healthcare overall. Along with sweeping change came sweeping criticisms and issues. This book explores the pros and cons of the Affordable Care Act, and explains who benefits from the ACA. Readers will learn how the economy is affected by the ACA, and the impact of the ACA rollout.

Despite the relative uniformity of general liability policies (and professional liability policies), states can differ widely in their interpretation and application of them. Case law can have a dramatic impact on the question whether coverage is owed. Simply put, those involved with liability claims cannot adequately assess coverage issues without knowing how case law in the relevant state may impact the decision. "General Liability Insurance Coverage -- Key Issues in Every State" (Vols. I and II) sets forth the rules that have been adopted by all 50 states, and the District of Columbia, for 20 important and commonly occurring general liability insurance coverage issues. And about half the issues are just as relevant for professional liability claims scenarios. 50 State Surveys on insurance coverage issues are inherently limited. "Key Issues" understands this and seeks to provide as much relevant information as possible to maximize its usefulness. To the extent possible, "Key Issues" sets out the aspects of cases (e.g., facts and/or policy language) that were at issue in the court's decision. This enables the reader to compare the cases in the book, to his or her claim at hand, and come away with an understanding of how the issue may be resolved by a court. Chapters Included (Vol. I) -Choice of Law; Late Notice; Coverage for Pre-Tender Defense Costs; Duty to Defend Standard: "Four Corners" or Extrinsic Evidence?; Insured's Right to Independent Counsel; Insurer's Right to Reimbursement of Defense Costs; Prevailing Insured's Right to Recover Attorney's Fees in Coverage Litigation; Number of Occurrences; Coverage for Innocent Co-Insureds: "Any" Insured vs. "The" Insured; Is Emotional Injury "Bodily Injury?" Vol. II Chapters: Is Faulty Workmanship an "Occurrence?"; Permissible Scope of Indemnification in Construction Contracts; Qualified Pollution Exclusion; Absolute Pollution Exclusion; Trigger of Coverage for Latent Injury and Damage Claims; Trigger of Coverage for Construction Defects and Non-Latent Injury and Damage Claims; Allocation of Latent Injury and Damage Claims; Coverage For Privacy Claims and Cyber Risks; Insurability of Punitive Damages; First- and Third-Party Bad Faith Standards; and the ALI's Restatement of

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