

# Academy Health Practice Council Update

Health Actuarial (B) Task Force (HATF)

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## About the Academy

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## Academy Hires New Senior Actuary, Health

Julia Lerche joins the Academy as the Senior Actuary, Health, bringing over 25 years of diverse actuarial experience spanning Medicaid, large employer benefits, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) commercial market, and the healthcare safety net.

This new full-time role with the Academy will further enhance our ability to engage strategically with key stakeholders, deepen actuarial expertise and enhance work products, and support the Academy's mission of serving the public and the U.S. actuarial profession.



# Agenda

- Current Priorities and Cross-Practice Updates
- Broadening the Focus Update
- Long-Term Care Activity
- Other Academy Updates and Resources

# Health Practice Council Updates

## Recent Work

- Federal Comment Letters, including [2027 NBPP](#) and [Medicaid managed care state directed payments](#)
- [Testimony to Texas House Select Committee on Health Care Affordability](#)
- [Medicaid Risk Adjustment](#) Practice Note

# Health Practice Council Updates

## Cross Practice Areas of Interest

- Retirement Symposium
- Behavioral Economics Survey
- [AI Use Cases in Insurance and Pensions](#)
- Climate Change Activities (Insurance Affordability, AI Data Center Impact, Emerging Climate Products)
- RBC Model Governance (EX) Task Force

# Health Practice Council Updates

## Upcoming Activities

- GLP-1 Policy Paper
- Premium Drivers Issue Brief and Webinar
- LTC Combo Products Paper
- Medicare Trustees Report Paper and Webinar
- Active Benefits Committee *Funding Arrangements for Employer Health Plans* Paper

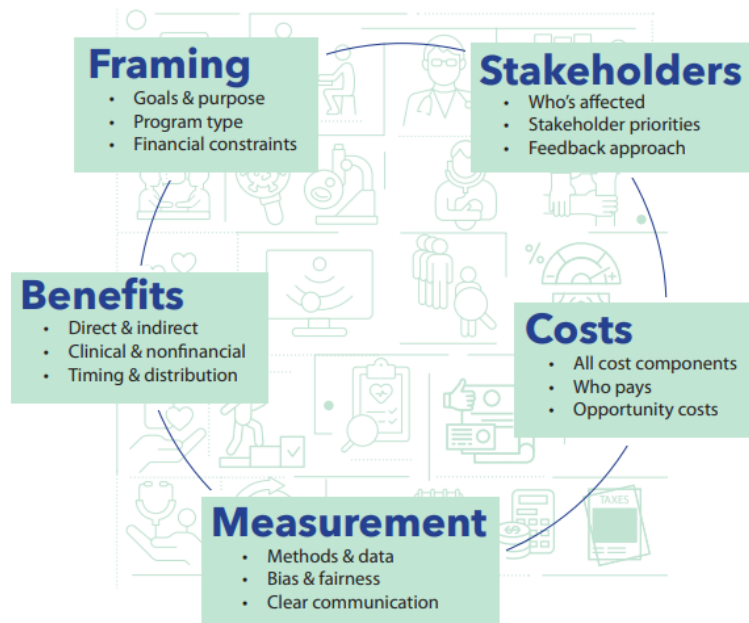
## Broadening the Focus Update

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- A project exploring alternatives to traditional ROI measures.
- We introduced the [holistic, principles-based framework](#) that complements financial metrics and supports health care decision-making, which followed prior issue briefs.
- The April [Health Summit](#) highlighted real-world applications of the framework, including Medicaid waivers and commercial benefit design.
- Engagement since has included presentations at the [Food is Medicine Conference](#) (FIMCON), as well as a health equity presentation at [SOA Health](#).

# Broadening the Focus Framework

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## Long-Term Care (LTC) Activities

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- Creating a Joint Life and Health LTC Combo Products Committee
  - Bringing together health and life actuaries to support innovation while analyzing risks and opportunities related to combo products
  - Looking for regulatory insights and suggestions on potential issues to consider

## Other Relevant Health Practice Council Resources

### Health Insurance Market Dynamics

- [Health Insurance Marketplace Stability Considerations for States](#)
- [The Interconnectedness of Health Coverage Sources](#)

## 2026 Academy Award for Research

**Theme: Access, Affordability, and The Protection Gap**

**2026 Winner:** *A Scalable Toolbox for Exposing Indirect Discrimination in Insurance Rates*,  
by Olivier Côté, Marie-Pier Côté, Arthur Charpentier

- How can insurance companies identify and quantify proxy discrimination without compromising predictive accuracy or market viability?

**Public Policy connection:** Suggests actionable tools actuaries can use to navigate evolving regulatory expectations surrounding fairness, rating equity, and consumer protection while addressing how unmitigated rating disparities can inadvertently exacerbate coverage gaps and restrict access for underserved risk pools.

Join us  
Tonight!



## Questions?

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# Upcoming Events

- **Call for Volunteers**, Aug 17, 2026
- **VM-22 Forum**, Aug. 26, 2026
- **Retirement Symposium, D.C.**, September 2026
- **Casualty Loss Reserve Seminar (CLRS) with CAS, Las Vegas**, Sept. 14-16, 2026
- **Life and Health Qualifications Seminar, Arlington**, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2026
- **Seminar on Effective P/C Loss Reserve Opinions, Nashville**, Dec. 7-8, 2026

## Other Academy Resources

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