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HAP Seminar Series

“Charitable Expectations for Nonprofit Hospitals”

Brad Gray, The Urban Institute

October 6th, 2009 – 12:00pm-1:00pm

Johnson Center, 3rd Floor, Meeting Room F

“Brown Bag Lunch” attendees welcome!

“Nonprofit hospitals have often been criticized as insufficiently charitable. Three kinds of evidence is cited: anecdotal accounts, research making comparisons with for-profits, and research making comparisons with estimates of the value of tax exemptions. Requirements for charitable spending thresholds are common policy proposals. I’ll argue that such proposals are based on a misreading of what it means for nonprofits to be charitable and an inadequate reading of the research evidence. Wiser public policies would cover the uninsured and require better accountability of nonprofits’ charitable performance.”

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