

Invitation for the seventh Health Policy Workshop:

Can health insurance competition work?

The Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB), The Dutch Healthcare Authority (NZa), and the Tilburg Law and Economics Center of Tilburg University (TILEC) jointly organize a series of 'Health Policy Workshops'. These workshops cover relevant and highly debated topics in health care, and provide a platform for knowledge exchange and discussion between policy makers and researchers working in this field.

Date, time and location:

Date: Friday, June 5, 2015

Time: 13.30 hrs – 17.30 hrs

Location: Ministerie van VWS, Apollozaal, Parnassusplein 5, Den Haag.

Travel info: <http://www.government.nl/ministries/vws/contact>

Entrance is free if you register **before June 1, 2015** by sending an email to M.M.vanGenk@uvvt.nl

Topics

In 2006, a new health care system with regulated competition was implemented in the Netherlands in which competing health insurers buy care on behalf of their consumers. The goal of this reform was to improve the efficiency in the health care sector. After almost ten years, it is time to evaluate our health care system and decide whether it has been a success.

Several questions will be discussed during the workshop:

- Did health insurers take up their role of stimulating providers to become more efficient?
- Do savings in the health care sector end up by consumers?
- What policies should be considered to increase efficiency in the health care sector?
- What are good instrument for the government to control health care expenditure without decreasing incentives for efficiency?

Speakers

- **Professor Liran Einav of Stanford University, USA**
- **Professor Jan Boone of Tilburg University, The Netherlands**
- **Ernst van Koesveld, Director Health Insurance of the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport**

Programme

13:00-13:30 Registration and tea/coffee

13:30-13:35 Welcome by chairman Misja Mikkers, Dutch Healthcare Authority (NZa)

13:35-14:35 Presentation by **Liran Einav, Stanford University, USA**

Title: "Managed Competition in Health Insurance"

14:35-14:55 Coffee/tea break

14:55-15:45 Presentation by **Jan Boone, Tilburg University, The Netherlands**

Title: "Can we trust insurers to contract the best providers? Article 13 and selective contracting"

15:45-16:05 Coffee/tea break

16:05-16:55 Presentation by **Ernst van Koesveld, Director Health Insurance, Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport**

Title: "Managed competition in the Netherlands, an unfinished agenda"

16:55-17:30 Refreshments

Practical Information

Badges

At the entrance of the building of the Ministry of Health, Welfare, and Sport you will be given two badges: an entrance pass that allows you to enter the building, and a name badge that you should wear during the whole workshop. A valid ID is necessary to enter the building of the Ministry. *We kindly ask you to return both badges when exiting the building.*

Registration

Attending the workshop is free, but the location requires us to limit the number of participants. If you want to attend the workshop, please send an email to the following address M.M.vanGenk@uvt.nl otherwise attendance cannot be guaranteed.

Concluding remarks

The language of the workshop will be English. To enable free discussions, the Chatham-House rule applies to this Seminar: "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed".