

Discussion Class Assignment – Due October 25, 2011

The assignment is to read the paper: *A Better Prescription* by Joseph Antos and Thomas P. Miller. You will need to turn in a 300 word summary of the article in class. The summary should address the following questions. You should also be prepared to discuss these questions in class.

1. According to the authors, what is the problem with the health care reform legislation recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the President? Briefly, what are some of the other flaws in the current health care system? Please be specific.
2. How does the authors' solution of "consumer driven health care" address the problems that they identify in the health care system? Please be specific.
3. The authors identify three principles for a better-functioning health care system. What are the three principles? What are the advantages the authors claim for each of these three principles? Are any weaknesses identified with their discussion of these three principles? If not, can you think of any weaknesses with the authors' three principles? Be prepared to briefly discuss them.
4. Will the proposed reform of the health care system in the U.S. actually work? Please give specific reasons for your answer.