To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to apply for consideration as a graduate student attendee at the NBER Health Economics Boot Camp. I am currently a second-year PhD student in the Health Services Research program at Boston University with a concentration in health economics. I hope to be selected as an attendee to further my understanding of, and exposure to, the most recent work from some of the most respected health economists in the country.

I have included my complete CV and application essay. My advisor, Steven Pizer, will be writing my recommendation letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
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Education

Boston University School of Public Health
Expected 2023
Ph.D. student in Health Services Research, Health Economics Concentration
Coursework:

- SPH BS 845 Applied Statistical Modeling and Programming in R
- CAS EC 505 Elementary Mathematical Economics
- SPH PM 822 Advanced Health Services Research Methods
- SPH PM 842 Health Economics for Health Services Research
- SPH PM 844 Health Policy and Policymaking for Public Health Researchers
- GRS EC 782 Health Economics II
- SPH PM 874 Causal Inference for Health Services Research
- SPH PM 814 Contemporary Theoretical and Empirical Issues in Health Services Research
- SPH PM 837 Evaluating Health Care Quality
- Doctoral Seminar in Behavioral Economics

Hunter College
2012
B.A. in Economics and Political Science (magna cum laude)

Research Interests

Health Economics
Causal Inference
Health Econometrics

Research Experience

Graduate Fellow, Veterans Health Administration September 2018 – Present
Senior Research Assistant, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health June 2016 – August 2018
Fellow, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Inc. June 2012 - Present

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Marit A. C. Tanke, **Yevgeniy Feyman,** Enrique Bernal-Delgado, Sarah R. Deeny, Yuichi Imanaka, Patrick Jeurissen, Laura Lange, Alexander Pimperl, Noriko Sasaki, Michael Schull, Joost J. G. Wammes, Walter P. Wodchis, Gregg S. Meyer. "A challenge to all. A primer on inter-country differences of high-need, high-cost patients." *PLOSOne.* June 2019.

Yevgeniy Feyman, Andrew Boozary, Uwe Reinhardt, Ashish Jha. "Association Between Hospital Concentration and Insurance Premiums in the ACA Marketplaces." *Health Affairs.* April 2019. (co-first authorship)

Yevgeniy Feyman, Jose Figueroa, Daniel Polsky, Michael Adelberg, Austin Frakt. "Primary Care Physician Networks in Medicare Advantage." *Health Affairs.* April 2019.

Jose Figueroa, Daniel Blumenthal, **Yevgeniy Feyman**, Austin Frakt, Alexander Turchin, Gheorge Doros, Qi Gao, Yang Song, Karen Joynt Maddox "Differences in Management of Coronary Artery Disease in Patients With Medicare Advantage vs Traditional Fee-for-Service Medicare Among Cardiology Practices." *JAMA Cardiology*. February 2019.

Miranda Lam, Jose Figueroa, **Yevgeniy Feyman**, Kimberly Reimold, E. John Orav, Ashish Jha "Association between patient outcomes and accreditation in US hospitals: observational study." *BMJ*. October 2018.

Jose Figueroa, **Yevgeniy Feyman**, Xiner Zhou, Karen Joynt Maddox "Hospital-level care coordination strategies associated with better patient experience." *BMJ Quality and Safety*. April 2018.

Yevgeniy Feyman, Zoe M Lyon, Garret M Johnson, Austin B Frakt "Quality of provider-offered Medicare Advantage plans." *BMJ Quality and Safety*. October 2017. (co-first authorship)

Jose Figueroa, **Yevgeniy Feyman**, Daniel Blumenthal, Ashish Jha "Do the Stars Align? Geographic Clustering of Star Ratings." *BMJ Quality and Safety.* September 2017.

Working Papers

Yevgeniy Feyman, Austin Frakt. "The Persistence of Medicare Advantage Spillovers in the Post-Affordable Care Act Era."

Reports & Whitepapers

"Crossing the Global Quality Chasm: Improving Health Care Worldwide." National Academy of Medicine. August 2018. (Analyst role.)

Yevgeniy Feyman, Charles Blahous. "Replacing the Cadillac Tax: Options and Considerations" Mercatus Center at George Mason University. June 2017.

Paul Howard, **Yevgeniy Feyman**. "Yelp for Health: Using the Wisdom of Crowds to Find High-Quality Hospitals." Manhattan Institute for Policy Research. April 2017.

Paul Howard, **Yevgeniy Feyman**. "Keeping Score: How New York Can Encourage Value-Based Health Care Competition." Manhattan Institute for Policy Research. March 2016.

Fellowships, Grants, Honors, and Awards

Annual Health Econometrics Workshop 2019, Student Scholarship
James F. Burgess Award for the Best Student Paper in Health Services Research, 2019

Presentations And Seminars

Academy Health Annual Research Meeting 2019, Washington, D.C.
Academy Health Annual Research Meeting 2018, Seattle, WA
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference 2018, Atlanta, GA
Health Datapalooza 2018, Washington, D.C.
Academy Health Annual Research Meeting 2017, New Orleans, LA
International Health Economics Association 2017 Congress, Boston, MA
National Academy of Social Insurance Policy Research Conference 2017, Washington D.C.

Affiliations

Academy Health
American Society of Health Economists

Referee/Reviewer Service

Medical Care Research and Review
Value in Health
Health Economics, Policy and Law
Health Services Research

Other Educational Activities

Harvard Extension School, Non-degree Coursework in Real Analysis
2017
Bronx Community College, Non-Degree Coursework in Mathematics
2013-2015

Programming Skills

Stata, R, SAS, SQL

NBER Health Economics Boot Camp Application Essay

Since graduating from undergrad, I've been interested in health policy and health economics. After working at a think tank for several years, I realized that I genuinely enjoy research. And to be able to contribute appropriately, I needed to pursue a PhD. Yet it's also become clear to me that I don't just need the academic training to become a successful health economist, but I need consistent exposure to the latest research and developments in the field. The NBER Health Economics Boot Camp would offer exactly that.

Upon matriculating into my graduate program, I made sure to immediately take courses in econometric methods and health economics. Over my two years in the program, I've worked to develop my understanding of the theoretical underpinnings of health economics while also ensuring that I'm up to date on the methods used to conduct high-quality research in the field. I've done so by taking courses, but also by attending seminars, workshops, and different presentations by experienced health economics researchers.

I've also had the opportunity to further develop my research interests. Increasingly, I find myself interested in understanding the role of managed competition in affecting costs and quality in the U.S. health care system, with a focus on Medicare Advantage. I have recently published related work examining provider networks in Medicare Advantage in *Health Affairs*, and I have a working paper that attempts to identify the causal effect of managed care spillover in the post-ACA era.

In addition, I'm becoming interested in recent developments in behavioral economics that offer new ways to think about consumer decision-making. One recent working paper I've found particularly fascinating in this field is Keith Ericson's work on liquidity constraints and the value of health insurance, which reframes "mistakes" as being rational in the presence of liquidity constraints.

Lastly, while I don't expect to become an econometrician, I've also become interested in causal inference. In particular, I'm especially interested in applications of quasi-experimental methods to observational

data in order to identify causal effects of various policies and interventions. Most recently, I received a student scholarship to attend the 2019 Annual Health Econometrics Workshop, which has helped me further expand my understanding of cutting-edge econometric methods and meet some of the leading health econometricians.

Going forward, I hope to undertake more work examining different dynamics in the Medicare Advantage program, particularly given the recent release of Medicare Advantage claims data.

The NBER boot camp would offer me a unique opportunity to see the latest health economics research from the top economists in the field. Meeting these researchers in a small workshop setting would be incredibly helpful as it is more conducive to learning and understanding than larger conferences are. Additionally, I always enjoy (and benefit from) meeting fellow PhD students and hearing about their research interests.

If selected to attend this workshop, I know that I would benefit enormously and would contribute to discussions and questions in whatever way I could.

Thank you for your consideration.

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October 7, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for Yevgeniy Feyman to participate in the NBER *Health Economics Research Boot Camp for Graduate Students*. I have gotten to know Yevgeniy quite well as his advisor, and from the very beginning I admired his strong work ethic, ability to work independently, organizational experience, and passion for health economics & policy.

Mr. Feyman is exceptionally well prepared for this workshop. He has excelled in advanced coursework in health economics, behavioral economics, causal inference, and econometrics. Yevgeniy has also demonstrated success as a researcher. Earlier this year, he received our department's best student paper award for work that he published in *Health Affairs* examining provider networks in Medicare Advantage. Contrary to popular view, the research finds relatively broad networks have proliferated in the program. At the VA, he has been instrumental in our efforts to develop a dynamic model for the relationship between medical center staffing levels, appointment wait times, and whether veterans choose the VA as their source of care.

Again, I strongly support Yevgeniy Feyman's participation in the *Health Economics Research Boot Camp.* As Co-Director of the Doctoral Program in Health Services Research, I am very familiar with all of our doctoral students. I can say with confidence that Mr. Feyman is one of the strongest candidates we have had in several years. I have been delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with Yevgeniy, and he is an ideal candidate for this boot camp which will further sharpen his skills and knowledge in the field.

Best regards,



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