



## **Nicholas C. Petris Center on Health Care Markets and Consumer Welfare Post-Doctoral Scholar – 2018-2019 Academic Year**

The Nicholas C. Petris Center ([petris.org](http://petris.org)) in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley is recruiting a full-time Post-Doctoral Scholar for the 2018-2019 academic year, with the potential to start in July 2018.

### **Job Description**

The Post-Doctoral Scholar will play an integral role in the Center's team, contributing to both research and publications. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to) performing quantitative analysis, organizing and maintaining databases, and writing reports and journal articles for publication. The position will be primarily focused on the Center's health care market concentration project.

### **About the Center**

The Nicholas C. Petris Center is a health economics research center that focuses on empirical research on important health policy topics. The Center focuses on consumer protection, affordability and access to health care, especially for low and middle-income individuals. Our research primarily focuses on regulation and competition within healthcare markets, with our current project researching the impact of market concentration on health insurance premiums and prices. Other areas of focus include the financing of mental health care, health care reform and the Affordable Care Act, and universal healthcare initiatives, particularly in California.

### **About the Project**

Healthcare markets have been consolidating across the United States during the past decade—at an accelerated pace since 2010. Hospitals and physician organizations have been merging horizontally and vertically, putting upward pressure on provider prices and health insurance premiums. Health insurers have also been seeking consolidation, punctuated by the attempted Anthem-Cigna and Aetna-Humana mergers, which were recently blocked by the courts.

To explore the impact of insurer and provider horizontal and vertical consolidation on healthcare prices and health insurance premiums, we will examine employer-sponsored insurance markets and the individual market, including the Affordable Care Act health insurance marketplaces. In these marketplaces we will estimate the impact of healthcare market consolidation—spanning from hospitals to physician organizations to insurers—on healthcare prices and health insurance premiums. We have data that allows us to calculate market concentration measures of hospitals, physician organizations and insurers. These findings will inform policy-makers about enforcing antitrust laws and evaluating future proposed mergers and acquisitions as well as inform officials running the health insurance marketplaces. Examples of our work on this topic include the papers "[Insurer Market Power Lowers Prices In Numerous Concentrated Provider Markets](#)" and "[Health Care Market Concentration Trends In The United States: Evidence And Policy Responses](#)", both recently published in Health Affairs.



### **Qualifications**

- PhD in health economics, economics with experience in health care, or equivalent degrees
- Expertise in one of the following statistical packages: STATA, R, or SAS; knowledge of more than one is desirable
- Advanced training in econometrics and statistics
- Experience in quantitative analysis, along with proven analytical ability
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills and attention to detail

### **Requirements**

- Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Writing Sample
- 3 Letters of Recommendation

### **Salary**

The appointment level and salary for this position is based upon experience and qualifications. The most recent salary scale for post-docs can be found [here](#). As a full-time university employee, the position will include full benefits. More details on benefits can be found [here](#).

### **How to Apply**

- Send an email with all required materials to Petris Center Program Manager Grayson Dimick at [gdimick@berkeley.edu](mailto:gdimick@berkeley.edu)
- Apply no later than April 15th, 2018; applications will be reviewed as they are received