### Health Policy Elective

**COURSE NUMBER**
MDC 0935A

**LOCATION**
RWJMS PISCATAWAY

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**BLOCKS AVAILABLE**
September - April

**DURATION/WEEKS**
N/A

**HOURS PER WEEK**
VARIABLE – GENERALLY NO MORE THAN ONE

**STUDENTS**
NO LIMIT

**LECTURES/SEMINARS**
Yes

**OUTPATIENT**
No

**INPATIENT**
No

**HOUSESTAFF**
No

**NIGHT CALL**
No

**WEEKENDS**
No

**LAB**
No

**EXAM REQUIRED**
No

**OVERALL EDUCATIONAL GOAL:** To educate medical students about current issues that policymakers face in regards to healthcare.

**OBJECTIVES:** To learn about various topics in Health Policy, including, but not limited to: Presidential Candidate Healthcare Platforms, Current Relevant Federal and NJ Legislation, Reproductive Health Legislation, Healthcare Quality and Improvement, Medical Errors and Resident Duty Hours.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:** Students should attend a series of lectures and complete one “Active” component. An example of an active component would be attending a Lobby Day.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION:** Attendance of at least 5 lectures during the year and completion of one “Active” component is sufficient to receive credit for this elective.