

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Employment Multiplier Impacts of Rural Hospitals: An Econometric Study

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,) ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Rural hospitals may affect the quality of life of the local residents in many ways, by providing local jobs and improving the health of residents and economic well-being of the local communities. The health care industry is experiencing the fastest employment growth of all U.S. industries and is projected to add the most jobs between 2014 and 2024, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Little is known about the broader economic impacts of growth in rural hospital employment. This study estimates, on a national scale, the impact of rural hospital jobs on total rural county jobs between 2001 and 2014.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 08/01/16 End: X/X/16 Withdrawn: X/X/16

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [x] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

