Budget Analysis Division

The Congressional Budget Office is a small nonpartisan agency that provides economic and budgetary analysis to the Congress. CBO’s Budget Analysis Division seeks an analyst for its Low-Income Health Programs and Prescription Drugs Cost Estimates Unit to focus primarily on federal health programs that operate through private markets for health insurance—including employment-based insurance plans and health insurance marketplaces established under the Affordable Care Act.

The following are among the health analyst’s wide-ranging responsibilities:

- Work closely with Congressional staff during the development of federal health care policy;
- Prepare multiyear spending projections for federal health programs;
- Analyze the Administration’s budget proposals; and
- Prepare cost estimates for legislation involving, for example, financing or delivery of health care, federal programs operating through private markets, federal regulation of health insurance coverage, and federal assistance to pay for insurance coverage.

CBO’s analysts work closely with key Congressional staff members as the Congress prepares its annual budget plans, considers the President’s budget proposals, and evaluates the budgetary effects of legislation. Staff members often have significant involvement in budget and legislative processes.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a graduate degree in public policy, public administration, public health, economics, or a related field and a strong interest in health policy. The position requires the following:

- Recent experience in health policy analysis;
- Strong quantitative skills;
- Ability to develop and maintain microsimulation and spreadsheet models;
- Exceptional communication skills, especially the ability to clearly explain and defend analytical results to other CBO and Congressional staff, Members of Congress, and the public;
- Facility with handling multiple projects simultaneously, often under tight deadlines; and
- A desire to contribute directly to the development of health policy in a nonpartisan setting.

Familiarity with SAS data analysis software in a health policy context is highly desirable; experience using SAS to work with survey or other large data sets is strongly preferred. Knowledge of health care financing, private insurance markets, and federal health programs is desirable.

Salary and Benefits

The salary is competitive and will be commensurate with experience, education, and other qualifications. CBO offers excellent benefits and a collegial, respectful work environment.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter, résumé, salary history, brief writing sample, and contact information for three references online at www.cbo.gov/about/careers. Recent graduates must submit an unofficial copy of academic transcripts. Only complete applications will be considered. This position may be closed any time after April 16, 2018. This position is covered by the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 as made applicable to CBO by the Congressional Accountability Act, as amended.

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