

Draft a Policy Memo: Care for the Poor, Sick, Elderly, and Infirm

Instructions: Each of the prompts below outlines a hypothetical scenario requiring a policy response. Pick one of the three prompts below, and create a 1-2 page memo responding to the prompt of your choosing. Marshall what you have learned in this unit to outline a plan of action and to describe the justification for that plan. In developing your memo, you may want to review the Guide to Responding for composition tips and a grading rubric to self-assess your memo.

Prompts

- 1) Moral hazard is understood as a situation in which risky behavior is made more likely, because the downsides of those risks will not affect the person taking the risk. A state is proposing a system of universal healthcare. How heavily should the argument based on moral hazard weigh into their decision? Is it a red herring? Does it trump all other public health concerns?
- 2) Moral hazard is understood as a situation in which risky behavior is made more likely because the downsides of those risks will not affect the person taking the risk. A state is proposing a system of financial support for families below the poverty line. How heavily should the argument based on moral hazard weigh into their decision? Is it a red herring? Does it trump all other public health concerns?