HCM 590 Final Examination Final Policy Paper

The final paper (final examination) for HCM 590 is an in-depth, literature-grounded analysis of a significant health policy issue. Select <u>one</u> of the following twelve health policy areas as the focal policy issue for your final, individually-authored paper:

- A Specific Provision (or Related Set of Provisions) in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- Care for the Elderly
- Cost and Value of Medical Technology
- Disparities in Health and Health Care
- Dual Eligibles
- Health Care Workforce Shortages and Imbalances
- Health Information Technology
- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Management of Chronic Disease
- Medicaid Reform
- Medical Malpractice Liability Reform
- Medicare Reform

The final policy paper is to be approximately 2,750 words in length (excluding the list of references cited at the end), apply and cite at least ten high-quality references, and address the following ten elements:

- 1) Overview and Significance of the Health Policy Issue
- 2) History of the Health Policy Issue (Including Legislative Processes and Partisan Politics)
- 3) Current Challenges Associated with the Health Policy Issue
- 4) Stakeholder Analysis
- 5) Policy Options and Analysis of Trade-Offs
- 6) Policy Recommendations
- 7) Recommended Roles for Federal Government, State Government, and Markets
- 8) Implications of the Policy Recommendations
 - a) Analysis of Population Health Implications
 - b) Analysis of Economic Implications
 - c) Analysis of Political Implications
 - d) Analysis of Implications for Health Care Organizations
 - e) Application of Two Saint Leo University Core Values
- 9) Conclusion
- 10)References Cited