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Academic Appointments

Brown University School of Public Health, Providence, RI **2024 –**
Assistant Professor (Research), Department of Health Services Research, Policy and Practice

Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA **2018 – 2024**

PhD Program in Health Policy, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Committee: Michael E. Chernew (chair), Laura A. Hatfield, Zirui Song

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI **2012 – 2014**

MHSA, Department of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health

Bates College, Lewiston, ME **2004 – 2008**

BA, *cum laude*

Majors: Political Science, Sociology

Honors and Prizes

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching **2022**
Harvard College

Best poster in theme, Annual Research Meeting **2020**
AcademyHealth

High Pass, General Exam in Health Policy **2020**
Harvard University

Phi Kappa Phi **2014**
University of Michigan

First Place, Griffith Leadership Center Case Competition **2013**
University of Michigan

Winston Health Policy Scholar **2013**
Winston Foundation

Axelrod-Feingold Scholar **2012 – 2014**
University of Michigan

College Key Inductee (Alumni Honor Society) **2008**
Bates College

Phi Beta Kappa **2008**
Bates College

Dana Scholar **2004**
Bates College

Grants

Improving Affordability and Generosity in **2026**
Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance **2026**
(Research Resilience Award) **2026**
Principal Investigator **2026**
\$70,980 **2026**
Brown University **2026**
Division of Research **2026**

Understanding Administrative Costs of **2025 – 2026**
Insurance Coverage and Health Care Delivery **2025 – 2026**
in Minnesota **2025 – 2026**
Principal Investigator (Subawardee) **2025 – 2026**
\$146,607 **2025 – 2026**
MN Department of Health, **2025 – 2026**
Bailit Health (Prime) **2025 – 2026**

Assessing Primary Care Capacity in Rhode Island Principal Investigator \$57,500	RI Office of the Attorney General	2025 – 2026
Social Science Research Award Principal Investigator \$7,500	Horowitz Foundation	2023
Agency for Healthcare Research and Policy Health Services Research Dissertation Award Principal Investigator \$43,137	AHRQ (1R36HS029440-01)	2023 – 2025
Dissertation Completion Award Awardee	Harvard University	2023 – 2025
Agency for Healthcare Research and Policy Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Trainee	AHRQ (T32HS000055-25)	2018 – 2020

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

Buxbaum JD, Arnold DR, Fuse Brown EC, Whaley CM, Ryan AM. Substantial Variation in Administrative Spending and Profit Across State Insurance Markets, 2023. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. Forthcoming 2026 March.

Ryan AM, Lin Y, **Buxbaum JD**, Shashikumar SA, Hull P. Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced: Effects on Hospital and CMS Spending, 2018–21. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2026 Feb 1;45(2):121-8.

Buxbaum JD, Ne’eman AD, Kosar CM. Eliminating Bad Debt Reimbursement to Hospitals Serving Traditional Medicare Beneficiaries. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2025 Aug 11;8(8):e2526402.

Buxbaum JD. Enhanced COVID-19 Provider Relief, Hospital Finances, and Care for Medicare Inpatients. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2025 Mar 7;6(3):e250046.

San Soucie CM, Beaulieu ND, **Buxbaum JD**, Cutler DM, Leyenaar JK, McBride SC, Zhao O, Chien AT. A National Analysis of General Pediatric Inpatient Unit Closures and Openings, 2011–2018. *Hospital Pediatrics*. 2024 Nov 1;14(11):899-908.

Buxbaum JD, de Brantes F, Grabowski DC, Hatfield LA, Koppel D, Mechanic RE, Perloff J, Chernew ME. Hospital-Skilled Nursing Facility Integration and Participation in a Bundled Payment Initiative. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2024 Aug 1;7(8):e2425627.

Shashikumar SA, Chopra Z, **Buxbaum JD**, Joynt Maddox KE, Ryan AM. Physician Group Practices Accrued Large Bonuses Under Medicare’s Bundled Payment Model, 2018–20. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2024;43(5):623-31.

Ryan AM, Shashikumar SA, Chopra Z, Maddox KE, **Buxbaum JD**. Reconciliation payments in the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced program and reductions in clinical spending needed for CMS to avoid financial losses. *JAMA*. 2023 Apr 11;329(14):1221-3 [research letter].

Buxbaum JD, Rak S. Equity and the uneven distribution of federal COVID-19 relief funds to US hospitals. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2021;40(9):1473-82.

Referenced in May 2022 New York Times article “Loss of pandemic aid stresses hospitals that treat the uninsured”

Buxbaum JD, Chernew ME, Fendrick AM, Cutler DM. Contribution of public health, pharmaceuticals, and other medical care to US life expectancy changes, 1990-2015. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2020;39(9):1546-1556.

Referenced in February 2021 Washington Post op-ed, “To really lower health-care costs, look beyond prescription drugs”

Buxbaum JD, Lindenauer PK, Cooke CR, Nuliyalu U, Ryan AM. Changes in coding of pneumonia and impact on the Hospital Readmission Reduction Program. *Health Serv Res*. 2019;54(6):1326-34.

Fendrick AM, **Buxbaum JD**, Tang Y, Vlahiotis A, McMorro D, Rajpathak S, Chernew ME. Association between switching to a high-deductible health plan and discontinuation of type 2 diabetes treatment. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2019;2(11):e1914372.

Fendrick AM, He X, Liu D, **Buxbaum JD**, Mitchell BD. Glucagon prescriptions for diabetes patients after emergency department visits for hypoglycemia. *Endocr Pract*. 2018;24(10):861-866.

Mahmoudi E, Cohen A, **Buxbaum J**, Richardson CR, Tarraf W. Gaining Medicaid coverage during ACA implementation: effects on access to care and preventive services. *J Health Care Poor Underserved*. 2018;29(4):1472-1487.

Buxbaum JD, Chernew ME, Bonafede M, Vlahiotis A, Walter D, Mucha L, Fendrick AM. Cost sharing and branded antidepressant initiation among patients treated with generics. *Am J Manag Care*. 2018;24(4):180-186.

Cohen AJ, Lachance LL, Richardson CR, Mahmoudi E, **Buxbaum JD**, Noonan GK, Murphy EC, Roberson DN, Hesterman OB, Heisler M, Zick SM. “Doubling up” on produce at Detroit farmers markets: Patterns and correlates of use of a healthy food incentive. *Am J Prev Med*. 2018;54(2):181-189.

Duina F, **Buxbaum J**. Regional trade agreements and the pursuit of state interests: institutional perspectives from NAFTA and Mercosur. *Econ Soc*. 2008;37(2):193-223.

Revise and Resubmit

Ryan AM, Prescott HC, Lin Y, Rooke-Ley H, **Buxbaum JD**. The Association Between Sepsis Coding and Payment to US Hospitals. Revise and resubmit at Health Services Research.

Mehta N, **Buxbaum JD**, Whaley CM, Arnold DR, Murray RC, Ryan AM. Price cuts from Rhode Island’s Affordability Standards Reduced Hospital Staffing. Revise and resubmit at Health Affairs.

Prescott HC, Weinstein J, Seelye S, **Buxbaum JD**, Bernstein SJ, Cahill M, Heath M, Hsaiky L, Horowitz JK, Jayaprakash N, Malani AN, McLaughlin E, Swaminathan L, Posa PJ, Flanders SA, Ryan AM. Timely antibiotics and fluid resuscitation are associated with increased discharge to home after sepsis. Revise and resubmit at Chest.

Under Review

Buxbaum JD, Mehta N, Ryan AM. Real-World Brinkmanship in Hospital-Insurer Negotiations. Under review at Health Affairs.

Buxbaum JD, Ryan AM. Savings from Hospital and Insurer Administrative Efficiencies Do Not Accrue to Purchasers. Under review at Health Affairs.

Zhou Z, **Buxbaum JD**, Ryan AM. The Impact of Mandatory Value-Based Payment Programs on

Hospital Administrative Costs. Under review at Health Affairs.

Zhou Z, **Buxbaum JD**, Ryan AM. Simulating the Impact of Transforming Episode Accountability Model. Under review at AJMC.

In Preparation

Buxbaum JD, Jolin P, Ryan AM. Hospital Prices, Cost-Shifting, and Resource Allocation: Evidence from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

Buxbaum JD, Whaley CM, Ryan, AM. The Impact of Commercial Prices on Hospital Finances and Quality.

Buxbaum JD, Wang D. Hospital Responses to Inpatient Only List Adjustments.

Buxbaum JD, Rahim A, Ryan AM. Comprehensive Estimates of US Provider, Insurer, Purchaser, Regulatory, and Consumer Administrative Healthcare Expenditures.

Shearer E, **Buxbaum JD**, Ryan AM. Rhode Island's Affordability Standards Decreased Hospital Capacity and Increased Emergency Department Boarding.

Berlin NL, Lin Y, **Buxbaum JD**, Ryan AM. Rational Hospital Behavior, Financial Incentives, and Savings in Medicare Bundled Payment Programs.

Other Journal Publications

Buxbaum JD, Cohen AJ, Fendrick AM. Measures of the burden of medical expenses. *JAMA*. 2018;319(15):1621-1621. [Letter to the editor]

Buxbaum J, de Souza J, Fendrick AM. Using clinically nuanced cost sharing to enhance consumer access to specialty medications. *Am J Manag Care*. 2014;20(6):e242-244. [Commentary]

Other Publications and Related Materials

Ryan AM, **Buxbaum JD**, Shashikumar SA, Chopra Z. It's Time For A New Season Of Episode-Based Payment. *Health Affairs Forefront*. 6 Sept. 2023.

Ryan AM, **Buxbaum JD**, Shashikumar SA, Chopra Z. Response to "Request for Information; episode-based payment model: a proposed rule by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS-5540-NC]", 88 FR 45872; 2023.

Fronstin P, Roebuck MC, **Buxbaum J**, Fendrick AM. *Do People Choose Wisely After Satisfying Health Plan Deductibles? Evidence From the Use of Low-Value Health Care Service*. Washington, DC: Employee Benefit Research Institute.

Buxbaum JD, Chernew ME, Fendrick AM. *Tackling the Epidemic of Low-Value Spending and Medical Overuse: Opportunities and Potential Supports for Employers and Carriers*. Ann Arbor, MI: Task Force on Low-Value Care; 2017.

Buxbaum JD, Fendrick AM. *Precision Patient Assistance Programs to Enhance Access to Clinically Indicated Therapies: Right Drug, Right Time, Right Cost-Share*. Nyack, NY and Ann Arbor, MI: Global Healthy Living Foundation and Center for Value-Based Insurance Design; 2017.

Fendrick AM, **Buxbaum JD**, Westrich K. *Supporting Consumer Access to Specialty Medications through Value-Based Insurance Design*. Washington, DC and Ann Arbor, MI: National Pharmaceutical Council and Center for Value-Based Insurance Design; 2014.

Takach M, **Buxbaum J**. *Care Management for Medicaid Enrollees through Community Health Teams*. New York, NY: The Commonwealth Fund; 2013.

Kaye N, **Buxbaum J**, Takach M. *Building Medical Homes: Lessons from Eight States with Emerging Programs*. New York, NY: The Commonwealth Fund; 2011.

Takach M, **Buxbaum J**. *Developing Federally Qualified Health Centers into Community Networks to Improve State Primary Care Delivery Systems*. New York, NY: The Commonwealth Fund; 2011.

Buxbaum J. *Making Connections: Medicaid, CHIP, and Title V Working Together on State Medical Home Initiatives*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy; 2010.

Buxbaum J, Takach M. *State Multi-payer Medical Home Initiatives and Medicare's Advanced Primary Care Demonstration*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy; 2010.

Buxbaum J. *Opportunities and Recommendations for State-Federal Coordination to Improve Health System Performance: A Focus on Patient Safety*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy; 2010.

Purinton K, Alfreds S, Pritts J, **Buxbaum J**. *Electronic Release of Clinical Laboratory Results: A Review of State and Federal Policy*. Oakland, CA: California HealthCare Foundation; 2010.

Under Revision

Buxbaum JD, Hostert N, Correa A. Assessing the Accuracy of Rhode Island Health Plan Directory Listings of Primary Care Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers. Report for the Office of the Rhode Island Attorney General.

Buxbaum JD, Rahim A. Review of State and National Data to Estimate Administrative Spending. Report for the Minnesota Department of Health.

Poster Presentations

San Soucie C, Beaulieu ND, **Buxbaum JD**, Cutler DM, Leyenaar JK, McBride S, Zhao O, Chien AT. A National Analysis of General Pediatric Inpatient Unit Closures and Openings, 2011-2018. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting; 2025 May 2 – 6; Toronto, ON.

Buxbaum JD, Chernew ME. Costs and concentration: Insurance market fragmentation associated with higher hospital expenses. AcademyHealth 2020 Annual Research Meeting; 2020 Jul 28 – Aug 6; virtual conference. *Awarded best poster in session*.

Buxbaum JD, Cooke CR, Lindenauer PK, Nuliyalu U, Ryan AM. Game on? Changes in coding of pneumonia and impact on the Hospital Readmission Reduction Program. 25th Annual AHRQ National Research Service Award Trainees Research Conference; 2019 Jun 1; Washington, DC.

Buxbaum JD, Cooke CR, Lindenauer PK, Nuliyalu U, Ryan AM. Game on? Changes in coding of pneumonia and impact on the Hospital Readmission Reduction Program. AcademyHealth 2019 Annual Research Meeting; 2019 Jun 2-4; Washington, DC.

Presentations and Panels

What policies could increase access to primary care in Rhode Island? Panelist. Summit on the Future of Health Policy in Rhode Island, 2026 Feb 11.

Brinksmanship in Hospital-Payer Negotiations. American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, 2025 Jun 24.

Money: What Is It Good For? The Impact of Enhanced COVID-19 Provider Relief Funding. American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, 2024 Jun 25.

The Challenge of Inappropriate Care. American College of Preventive Medicine Annual Conference, 2018 May 25.

Eliminating Low-Value Care: A ‘Top Five’ List to Galvanize Purchasers. AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, 2017 Dec 4.

Achieving More Health per Dollar through Value-Based Arrangements. Virginia Association of Health Plans Annual Meeting, 2017 May 10.

Defining, Measuring, and Reducing Overuse. V-BID Health Task Force on Low-Value Care, 27 April 2017.

Sustainable Financing for Community Health Workers. Michigan Power to Thrive Advocacy Collaborative Planning Committee, 2016 Nov 29.

Concierge Medicine. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP) Primary Care Leadership Council Meeting, 2014 Dec 5.

Building Medical Home Neighborhoods through Community-Based Teams: Trends in the States. National Academy for State Health Policy Webcast, 2012 April 18.

State Perspectives on the CMS Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative. Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative, 2011 Nov 3.

3rd State Consortium to Advance Medical Homes in Medicaid and CHIP. Medical Home Information Sharing Webinar for American Academy of Pediatrics Leaders, 2011 June 30.

State Approaches to Enhancing Primary Care through the Medical Home Model. Denali Commission Alaska Health Reform Leadership Dialogue, 2011 June 21.

State Medical Home Payment Models. National Association of Community Health Centers Patient Centered Medical Home Institute Blueprint Meeting, 2011 June 14.

Additional Academic Research Positions

Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA	2019 – 2024
Research Assistant II, Department of Health Care Policy	
Center for Value-Based Insurance Design, Ann Arbor, MI	2012 – 2014, 2017 – 2018
Research Associate	
Bates College, Lewiston, ME	2008
Summer Research Apprenticeship	

Teaching Experience

HMP 631: Health Insurance and Payment Systems

University of Michigan School of Public Health, Department of Health Management and Policy

Winter 2023

Co-Instructor

PW120: Essentials of the Profession

Harvard Medical School

January 2023; Instructors: Ateev Mehrotra, Nancy Keating, Anupam B. Jena, Bruce Landon

Discussion Section Leader (temporary)

GENED 1079: Why Is There No Cure for Health

Harvard College

Fall 2022; Instructor: David Cutler

Teaching Fellow / Section Leader

GHHP 99: Research in Global Health and Health Policy**Harvard College**

Spring 2022; Instructor: David Cutler

Teaching Fellow / Section Leader

HMP 552: Health Policy and Leadership**Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health**

Spring I 2022; Instructor: Stephen Benjamin

Teaching Assistant

Media and the Message, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health

Spring II 2022; Instructor: Joanne Kenen

Teaching Assistant

PW120: Essentials of the Profession, Harvard Medical School

January 2022

Grading Assistant

Committee Service

Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services Olmstead Data Council

Member

2025 –

Department of Health Services, Policy, and Practice, Brown University School of Public Health

Department Speaker Series Organization

2024 –

Department of Health Management and Policy, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Curriculum Committee

2013 – 2014

Grant Review Activities

Maine Health Access Foundation, Augusta, ME

External Reviewer

2012

Editorial Activities

Peer Review Board*Health Affairs Scholar***Ad hoc reviewer***American Journal of Managed Care**American Journal of Medical Quality**Evaluation & the Health Professions**Health Affairs**JAMA**JAMA Health Forum**JAMA Oncology**Journal of General Internal Medicine**Value in Health*

Non-Academic Employment

Task Force on Low-Value Care, Ann Arbor, MI Program Manager	2017 – 2018
Michigan Public Health Institute, Okemos, MI Project Manager, State of Michigan State Innovation Model Award	2015 – 2017
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Detroit, MI Senior Analyst, Policy Development and Reimbursement Strategies	2014 – 2015
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Boston, MA Intern, Performance Measurement & Improvement	2013
National Academy for State Health Policy, Portland, ME Policy Analyst (2011-2012) Research Assistant (2009-2010)	2009 – 2012

Volunteer Activities

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Washtenaw County, MI Big Brother	2014 – 2018
Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service, Hillsdale, NJ Emergency Medical Technician	2005 – 2009
Bates EMS, Lewiston, ME Emergency Medical Technician	2005 – 2008

Additional Skills and Information

Additional Languages

Spanish (proficient)

Programming

R (advanced), Stata (basic)

Citizenship

United States