Health Economist / Statistician (Health)
Salary: $84,923 – 110,404 (GS-12) + benefits, depending on education and experience
Full-time

Position Summary
The Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC) at VA Portland Health Care System is seeking to hire a full-time health economist/statistician. The Health Economist/Statistician will be a senior member of Dr. Denise Hynes’s research team at CIVIC. The Health Economist/Statistician will provide support to multiple research projects focused on care management and outcomes for chronic conditions that affect military veterans. Studies are led out of the Portland VA and involve collaboration with other VA and academic partners across the US.

Specific research projects topics are related to care coordination impacts on outcomes for patients with high-risk conditions, Veteran and provider perceptions of integrated care, and long-term outcomes of COVID. These research projects employ a health services research framework and typically include use of both quantitative and qualitative methods. Current projects are observational and future intervention projects are planned. The ideal candidate will have experience with applying data management methods and econometric analyses with health care claims and administrative data on multiple projects.

General responsibilities include: providing study design and methodology guidance to the research team; conducting econometric and statistical analysis activities for reports, manuscripts, and other publications; leading plans to calculate various costs related to health care; suggesting new health outcomes for treatment and prevention of health issues; communicating economic assessment results to appropriate internal and external audiences; provide lectures or educational sessions to educate team and collaborators about health economics topics. This position involves working as a team member, requiring excellent and effective oral and written communication skills. There is a possibility of faculty appointment with local university affiliates.

Responsibilities
- Econometric/Statistical collaboration including project management, data management (specifically creating analytic data files from VA or electronic health record/administrative data), and statistical programming/analysis.
- Contribute to writing and developing grant applications, empirical manuscripts, and statistical reports.
- Contribute to discussions and decisions on study design, statistical approaches, and analytical strategies with investigators and other collaborators.
- Consult on complex health economic and statistical concepts and results to team members.
- Professional development including keeping up with current statistical strategies through trainings and professional conferences.

Experience and Qualifications

Required Skills
- PhD in health policy, health economics, statistics, or related field with application to health economic issues and outcomes. Will consider a master’s degree in a related field with at least 5 years of experience.
• Advanced knowledge of theories, principles, methods, and techniques of health economics, health policy, econometrics, statistics, and epidemiology, especially those applicable to health services research
• Knowledge of commonly used econometric and statistical software packages, especially SAS, STATA, and R
• Experience/Skills related to curating, preparing, and analyzing electronic medical record and/or administrative claims data is essential for this position.
• Experience with longitudinal methods
• Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills.
• Ability to manage and perform multiple tasks under conditions of fluctuating workloads, competing requirements, and changing deadlines.
• Ability to work independently and follow through on assignments with minimal direction. Ability to work in a complex environment.
• Ability to analyze problems and offer creative solutions and implement changes.
• Strong demonstrated organization skills, with the ability to understand overall program objectives and maintain attention to detail.
• Commitment to contributing to an inclusive working and learning environment.
• Strong orientation to teamwork
• Must be a US citizen (US Federal Government-funded position)

Additional Qualifications (preferred, but not required to apply)
• 2-5 years health sciences collaborative research experience
• Experience working with large health administrative datasets
• Prior authorship or co-authorship on peer-reviewed publications
• Consider addressing in your Cover Letter any experience you may have working with diverse populations.

This position is potentially eligible for teleworking, early, late, or compressed work schedules, a transit pass if applicable, as well as paid vacation, sick leave, and a range of healthcare and retirement benefits.

CIVIC is committed to developing and sustaining a workforce that supports the inclusion and professional growth of all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, Veteran status, familial status, disability status, or genetic information.

CIVIC values individuals at all points in their career trajectories, and CIVIC is committed to fostering the professional growth of its staff. Within CIVIC and the broader VA and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) communities, there are many opportunities for continuing education, didactic and training related to a broad variety of topics. Such opportunities include OHSU Departmental Grand Rounds or larger events, research in progress meetings, CIVIC conferences, analyst drop-in sessions, qualitative forums, and more.

Interested candidates should send a Cover Letter and resume/CV to Rebecca Young Rebecca.Young6@va.gov with the subject line ‘Health Economist’.