

## EPID - 600 Introduction to Public Health

### Toward a National Health Program

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Please review information available at the UNC [Minority Health Project](#) and listen to the keynote video lectures available as [web casts](#), particularly the one by Yvonne Maddox. [Research towards the Elimination of Health Disparities](#)”.

After this lecture you should be able to discuss

- why there is a need for be am organized national 'health' program
- who should be covered by such a program
- some of the elements you think are important in its development
- What comprises a community health Safety net
- Why there is a need to focus on underserved populations

First review Sheryl Garland's [PowerPoint lecture](#) ([printable](#) format) on the Richmond Area Health Safety Net, then

Dr Lanier's [PowerPoint Show](#), [pdf Handouts](#).

#### Key Words:

Underserved populations, public policy, access to services, geographic barriers, condition coverage, population covered, public private linkages, ambulatory vs. institutional care..

#### Concept:

Poor health of underserved populations is due to many factors, some of which can be controlled by the affected individuals, but first there needs to be access to care.

#### References

Schneider:Introduction to Public Health, 2nd Edn; Scan Chapters 25 and 30

Handouts, Local and National Media, USNWR. Maxcy Rosenau 13th Edn. Chapter 40-(scan) 63(read.) 14th Edn. Scan Chap 73.

Minority Health [Web-cast Archive](#) at Kaiser Foundation (scan morning video session)

Kaiser Foundation [Access Web Page](#) (particularly the paper on "uninsured and access to health care, particularly **Sicker and Poorer: The Consequences of Being Uninsured** - executive summary & briefing charts)

Kaiser Foundation [Health Insurance Coverage](#) (scan [Trends and Indicators in the Changing Health Care Marketplace](#))

Health System Change, the RWJF funded analysis: The Health Care [Cost-Coverage Conundrum](#) (a 6 page pdf) What approach do these authors advocate for improving equity among consumers?

Massachusetts Health Care Reform [slides](#) (May 2006)

PBS - [Are we in a health care crisis?](#) May 2006

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: A [Video Update](#) on the Quality of American Health Care Through the Patient's Lens, April 2006  
Pay attention to the accompanying written summary and implications.

[URLs](#) related to this topic - updated [May 2006](#)