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## Professional Appointments

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Postdoctoral Researcher, *University of Pennsylvania* July 2018-Present  
*Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and Perelman School of Medicine*

## Education

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Ph.D., Economics, <i>Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN</i>	May 2018
M.A., Economics, <i>Duke University, Durham, NC</i>	May 2012
M.S., Electrical Engineering, <i>North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC</i>	May 2002
B.E., Electrical Engineering, <i>Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN</i>	May 2000

## Research and Teaching Fields

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Health Policy, Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## Publications

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Keohane, L. M.; Gambrel, R. J.; Freed, S. S.; Stevenson, D.; Buntin, M. B. (2018).  
Understanding Trends in Medicare Spending, 2007–2014. *Health Serv Research*.  
doi:[10.1111/1475-6773.12845](https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.12845)

Keohane, L. M.; Stevenson, D. G.; Freed, S. S.; Thapa, S.; Stewart, L.; Buntin, M. B. (2018).  
Trends in Medicare Fee-For-Service Spending Growth for Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries, 2007–15.  
*Health Affairs*, 37(8), 1265-1273 doi:[10.1377/hlthaff.2018.0143](https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2018.0143)

Keohane, L. M.; Freed, S.S.; Stevenson, D. G.; Thapa, S.; Buntin, M.B. (2018). Trends in  
Postacute Care Spending Growth during the Medicare Spending Growth Slowdown.  
Commonwealth Issue Brief. Accessible at:  
<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2018/dec/postacute-care-spending-growth-medicare>

## Working Papers

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Freed, S.S. (2019) “Health Insurance Take-Up among the Near-Elderly in the Age of the  
Affordable Care Act” (Under Review)

Keohane, L. M.; Stewart, L.; Freed, S.S.; Buntin, M. B. (2019) “Risk Adjusting for Medicaid Participation in Medicare Advantage.” (R&R)

Freed S.S.; Keohane, L. M.; Thapa, S.; Stewart, L.; Stevenson, D.G.; Buntin, M. B.  
“Physician Payment Rates Contribute to Slow Medicare Spending.”

Keohane, L.M.; Stevenson, D. G.; Freed, S. S.; Gambrel, R. J.; Buntin, M. B.  
“Factors Underlying Slow Growth in Medicare Spending.”

### **Work in Progress**

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Freed, S.S. and Coe, N.B. “Competition between Long-Term Care Providers: Evidence from the Introduction of Nursing Home Compare”

Freed, S.S. “Effect of Urgent Care and Retail Clinic Entry on Emergency Department Discharges”

Ritter, A. Z.; Freed S.S.; Coe, N. B. “Do Nursing Homes Demonstrate Differences in Population Mix following ACA Medicaid Expansion?”

Freed, S.S. and Coe N.B. “How Much Do Informal Care Supports Affect the Nursing Home Population?”

### **Honors and Fellowships**

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Resource Center for Minority Aging Research Scientist, Center for Improving Care Delivery for the Aging

Proposal: The Effect of Information on Competition between Long-Term Care Providers  
Funding: \$30,000, July 2019-July 2020

Health Policy Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College, 2012-2018

### **Teaching Experience**

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Instructor, Health Policy (Undergraduate, Vanderbilt University, Summer 2015)

Teaching Assistant

Health Policy (Undergraduate, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2014-Spring 2018)

Economic Statistics (Undergraduate, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2016)

Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2017)

Introductory Microeconomics (Undergraduate, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2013)

Advanced Microeconomic Theory (Masters, Duke University, Spring 2012)

## **Professional Activities**

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### Presentation of Research:

“Health Insurance Take-Up Among the Near-Elderly in the Age of the Affordable Care Act”,  
American Society of Health Economists, 2019 (Poster)

“Health Insurance Take-Up Among the Near-Elderly in the Age of the Affordable Care Act”,  
Indiana University/Vanderbilt University/University of Louisville Workshop, 2017

“Explaining the Slowdown in Medicare Expenditures: The Role of Post-Acute Care”,  
AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Poster Walk, 2015

“Effect of Urgent Care and Retail Clinic Entry on Emergency Department Discharges”,  
Vanderbilt Empirical Applied Microeconomics Workshop, 2015

### Peer Reviewer:

Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Journal for the Health Care of the Poor and  
Underserved

Professional Service: American Society of Health Economists Diversity Committee

## **Other Research Experience and Employment**

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Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Department of Health Policy Research Assistant for Dr. Melinda Buntin	2014-2018
Intel Corporation Supply Chain Program Manager	2008-2010
Strategic Supply/Demand and Business Analyst	2006-2008
Manufacturing Process Engineer	2002-2006

## **References**

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