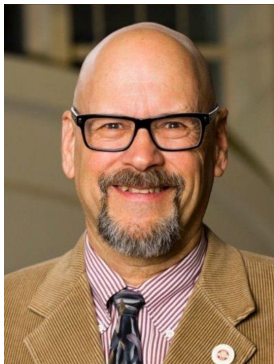


Experts debate health insurance options

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“Would a Single-Payer Form of Health Care Insurance Be Beneficial for Florida Residents?” is the topic of a debate by Dr. Ken Brummel-Smith and Jason Altmire, Sr. V.P., Florida Blue, set for June 17 at Westminster Oaks.

Even with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act the United States remains the only advanced country in the world that does not provide universal health care — health care for all. And yet health care remains an intensely controversial subject. With so much passion on all sides of such a complex subject, the facts are easily lost. What are they? What really is best for our citizens? This is an opportunity to hear from two people who are exceptionally intelligent and well-informed on the subject.

Dr. Brummel-Smith is the Charlotte Edwards Maguire Professor in the Department of Geriatrics at the FSU College of Medicine. He is a co-editor or author of five textbooks and has written numerous book chapters and

articles in the area of geriatrics. He has been selected 12 times by his peers as a member of the “Best Doctors in America.” He is a past-president of the American Geriatrics Society and a Health and Aging Policy Fellow with the Senate Special Committee on Aging.

Jason Altmire is the Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Community engagement at Florida Blue. A nationally recognized expert in health-care policy, he spent most of his career in the health-care industry, but also served three terms in the U.S. Congress as the representative of Pennsylvania’s Fourth Congressional District. He has been profiled by National Public Radio and several major national news newspapers and magazines, and has appeared frequently on national television news programs.

Moderator Charles Nam is an FSU Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus who founded and directed the Center for Demography and Population Health at Florida State.

This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about this extremely important and timely topic.

The debate, sponsored by the Forum of Westminster Oaks, located off Dempsey Mayo Road, is free and open to the public.

A DEBATE

What: “Would a Single-Payer Form of Health Care Insurance Be Beneficial for Florida Residents?” Pro: Ken Brummel-Smith, MD; Con: Jason Altmire, Sr. V.P., Florida Blue. Charles Nam, Moderator

When: Wednesday, June 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Where: Maguire Center at Westminster Oaks

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