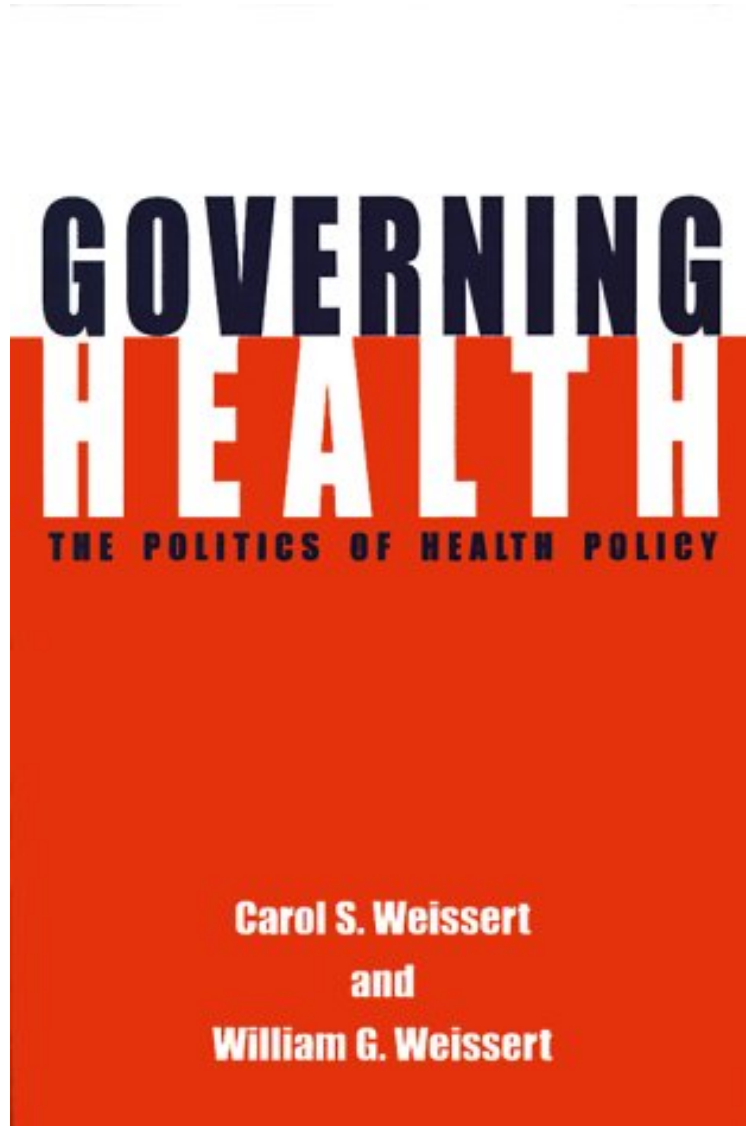


Governing Health: The Politics of Health Policy

Dr. Carol S. Weissert PhD, Dr. William G. Weissert PhD
*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



#7160513 in Books 1996-01-15 Original language: English PDF # 1 9.25 x 6.25 x 1.001, #File Name: 0801852668464 pages | File size: 78.Mb

Dr. Carol S. Weissert PhD, Dr. William G. Weissert PhD : Governing Health: The Politics of Health Policy before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Governing Health: The Politics of Health Policy:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Information is Excellent, Writing is Dry By Zachary Zimko This textbook first and foremost provides you with a comprehensive overview of U.S. politics and how decisions are made. Within this framework, specific examples are given on how decisions about U.S. healthcare are made. Subjects from

lobbying to healthcare reform are covered. It also provides information on other parts of healthcare in the United States, such as government run healthcare programs like medicare and medicaid. While reading it, I found myself thinking that the book focused more on politics in general and less on healthcare policy. In this regard the book would be a great primer for anyone very new to politics in general, but someone well versed in politics may need to skip over several sections. I personally found this book to be a bit dry but it definitely will give you a comprehensive overview of politics and healthcare. Thoroughness of Material Covered: 4 Stars Format of the Content: 3.5 stars Quality of the Writing: 3 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Needed it for class, so it served it's purpose. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. PERFECT CONDITION! By MEEMZI I'M GLAD THIS BOOK CAME IN PERFECT CONDITION. I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO SEE SOME RIPS OR SOMEONE'S CHILD COLORING IN IT. BUT IT WAS REALLY CLEAN! AMAZON NEVER DISAPPOINTS.

Despite widespread perceptions to the contrary, health care reform in the United States has blossomed since 1965--molded in large part by changes in the nation's chief political institutions. But until now, there has been little attempt to look at health care policymaking from a long-term political perspective. *Governing Health* does just that. Drawing on political science research on the institutions of government and the policy process, *Governing Health* explains how health policy is made. It describes how the Congress, the president, special interest groups, bureaucracy, and state governments affect the process of defining health policy problems and finding politically feasible solutions. It also provides an extensive review of the policies that have governed health care for a generation or more, starting with the passage of Medicare in 1965 and continuing through the national health care debate of 1993-94. "Sociologists and economists have authored or contributed to a small number of worthy volumes bringing their disciplines' perspectives to the topic of health politics and policy," write the authors, and "while they have much to offer, a gap remains. Politics is more than the sociology of institutions or economic self-interest. Health care policy is politics at its richest and fullest." "The Weisserts have done a splendid job. This is a first rate book; comprehensive, intelligently organized, even-handed, analytically satisfying, historically grounded, fast-moving, and smart. It is easily the best health policy book I have seen." --James A. Morone, former editor, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*

"One of the most important books in health care policy to have been written in years. It demonstrates that institutions and politics do matter. *Governing Health* is stimulating, thoughtful, and well written. It is highly recommended for all those who teach and study health care policy." -- Michael Harris, *Perspectives on Political Science* "For those unacquainted with the health policy process, this book is valuable for its comprehensive view of the policy process and its up-to-date information about the major institutions and policy actors... This book probably will be most useful to the health professional seeking to learn more, both generally and in particular, about the politics of health policy. *Governing Health* also brings together and systematically organizes many of the political scientists' most relevant concepts, typologies, and maxims -- which add perspective and are useful for their interpretive power." -- David G. Smith, *Inquiry* "A useful textbook for those in medical care with only a passing knowledge of the patterns of federal policy making in the postwar period." -- *New England Journal of Medicine* "No other book offers a better overview of what every health professional or anyone who is intensely interested in health affairs should know about policymaking." -- Daniel M. Fox, Ph.D., *Journal of the American Medical Association* "No other book offers a better overview of what every health professional or anyone who is intensely interested in health affairs should know about the politics of policy making. (JAMA) One of the most important books in health care policy to have been written in years. (Michael Harris *Perspectives on Political Science*) Even for those who have studied health policy extensively, the Weisserts' book is so thorough (and absorbing) that one can expect to encounter new information, research findings, and insights. (Deborah McFarlane *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*) A useful textbook for those in medical care with only a passing knowledge of the patterns of federal policy making in the postwar period. (Theodore R. Marmor *New England Journal of Medicine*) From the Publisher Praise for the first edition: "One of the most important books in health care policy to have been written in years. It demonstrates that institutions and politics do matter. *Governing Health* is stimulating, thoughtful, and well written. It is highly recommended for all those who teach and study health care policy." -- Michael Harris, *Perspectives on Political Science* "Governing Health is an important piece of scholarship. It connects policymaking in the increasingly important sphere of health politics to the literature of political science. As such, it is likely to be of interest both to political scientists (especially those unfamiliar with health policy) and policy specialists outside the discipline." -- Richard Himelfarb, *American Political Science* "Even for those who have studied health policy extensively, the Weisserts' book is so thorough (and absorbing) that one can expect to encounter new information, research findings and insights." -- Deborah McFarlane, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law* "A useful textbook for those in medical care with only a passing knowledge of the patterns of federal policy making in the postwar period." -- *New England Journal of Medicine*