

THE LONG TERM CARE DISCUSSION GROUP

AN INDEPENDENT *AD HOC* GROUP THAT MEETS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE
OF EDUCATING THE POLICY COMMUNITY ON ALL FACETS OF LONG TERM CARE

**Wednesday, October 20, 2010
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time**

**AHIP Offices ~ 601 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 500 South
Building**

Speaker:

Donald H. Taylor

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Topic:

[Genetic Testing for Alzheimer's and Long-Term Care Insurance](#)

This presentation and discussion will focus on a key issue in genetic testing for Alzheimer's disease and long term care insurance – specifically, the difference between actuarial fairness and the public's notion of fairness. We will explore how the differences in these two notions of fairness might impede the expansion of the private long term care insurance market and whether policy options are available that could overcome any problems arising out of the disparate notions of fairness.

Donald H. Taylor, Jr. is an Associate Professor of Public Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University. His research focuses on health policy as it affects older Americans. His recent work concerns the economics of palliative care and hospice, including the effects of caregiving on the caregiver, how perceptions of risk influence behavior among elderly persons, and various aspects of long term care financing. He is currently the Principal Investigator of an AHRQ-funded study exploring care preferences of patients with advanced cancer, which is intended to inform discussions of potential Medicare benefit changes. The project also includes cost simulations of potential changes. Dr. Taylor was recently appointed a member of a HRSA negotiated rulemaking committee that is considering potential changes to how the federal government identifies medically underserved areas.

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