Writing Assignment Part 2 - Going from Policy to Law

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**Roles of Committee, Stakeholders, key departments and the healthcare providers**

 The legislative process to pass a bill in the United States goes through several steps in order to become a law. There are different committees, sub-committees, stakeholders and other responsible organizations that are involved in this procedure. Likewise, the process will be the same for the policy regarding healthcare. However, the committee, subcommittee, stakeholders, key departments and healthcare providers are identified and also specified their roles in policy process and implementation.

**Committee**

The committee that is selected for the process is the US House Committee on Appropriations. It will be responsible for passing the bill regarding the expenditures in the Senate along with other members. This committee is responsible to regulate the financial expenditures for a policy (Bekafigo, 2018). Its role is considered very influential in considering a bill in Senate.

Under the Committee of House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies will have to play an essential role in preparing the budget for different departments. Likewise, they will be responsible to allocate budget for the bill that is under progress.

**Stakeholders**

The healthcare stakeholders in the United States are mostly the healthcare providers, Government, citizens, health insurance providers, the pharmaceutical companies, healthcare facilities and hospitals throughout the country (Stiggelbout, 2012). All of them have specified functions in the provision of quality healthcare to the citizens of the United States. The health insurance companies and pharmaceutical cannot be ignored in this process. Both of the stakeholders highly concerned for the provision of quality patient care but they are also conscious about their profit. Therefore, they can be seen as lobbying against healthcare reforms or policies that include regulations for healthcare coverage or medications.

**Government**

 The government also has an important role in healthcare services because it also acts as a payer for some health care services. It is not profit driven but it also takes interest in maintaining the healthcare facilities effective and affordable for its citizens. The demand for improved benefits in the healthcare policy might get the attention of the government.

**Physicians’ role**

 Healthcare providers can play a crucial role in designing or processing policies that are related to healthcare. Doctors can have different opinions regarding health issues. At the same time, Healthcare providers possess the potential to influence political decisions related to healthcare through effective communication (Mohammad, 2013). Moreover, the integrity and cooperation of healthcare providers can bring them to the same platform, through which they can demand the improvements in healthcare facilities and enhance the patient outcomes.

**Public**

It is the public that receives the healthcare facilities. Therefore, the policy framework is designed to benefit the general public. At the same time, with the advancement of the media public is politically aware of the activities of Congress and they show more interest in Policy decision making. They also want to have access to information regarding the policies. They can influence policy decisions in the form of social movements and different civil societies. Moreover, the role of patients and consumers is impossible to ignore in implementing the healthcare policy.

**Responsibilities of Key Departments**

 **T**he stakeholders hold a strong position in helping the government in the implementation of the policies. These stakeholders are healthcare providers, insurance companies, consumers and other community workers. The healthcare providers will align their services with the newly developed policy and follow the rules in providing efficient services. At the same time, insurance companies will cooperate with the other stakeholders in financing the healthcare facilities. Patients can ensure the proper implementation of the policy throughout the country, by participating in assessments and evaluations that are conducted to measure the effectiveness of the policy.

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