

This is a list of selected research tools that address health care policy and related issues in the United States. All the sources are located in the USC Library system, however, resources held by the Norris Medical Library are not included.. To search for books, conference proceedings, and other monographs associated with health care policy issues, search HOMER, the online library catalog [<http://library.usc.edu>]. For journal articles concerning this topic, consult the section in this guide entitled, "Indexes and Abstracts." A number of library research guides on specific issues, such as the *Public Policy Analysis* handout, are also available and should be used when appropriate to your topic. Please consult a reference librarian if you need further research assistance.

DICTIONARIES

Last, John M. *A Dictionary of Public Health*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.
Doheny Library [Reference] RA423 .L37 2007

The Dictionary is an alphabetical listing of almost 5,000 words and phrases used in public health science and practice. It offers definitions, discussion, and an occasional brief commentary on the relevance of each term to people and their health. This volume is a resource for answers to questions that arise in the course of public health practice, whether in the office or in the field, in interactions with the public or with the media. The book contains cross-referenced definitions and discussions of related terms and concepts. For easy reference, users will find similarly worked definitions and discussions of important related concepts listed under each of the commonly used keywords. A variety of website links make it easy to find further information at the users fingertips. Covering all aspects of public health, this book serves as both a quick and handy reference tool and a vehicle for more leisurely browsing.

Rognehaugh, Richard. *The Managed Health Care Dictionary*. 2nd edition. Gaithersburg, MD: Aspen Publishers, 1998.

VKC Library [Reference] RA413 .R58 1998

The Managed Health Care Dictionary is an essential resource for both professionals and students. With more than 1,000 terms, this dictionary covers the language of every industry sector--purchaser, provider, and payer. The new edition highlights new terminology, current definitions, and an expanded listing of acronyms and abbreviations.

Timmreck, Thomas C. *Health Services Cyclopedic Dictionary: A Compendium of Health-Care and Public Health Terminology*. 3rd edition. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 1997.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] RA393 .T56 1997

The most recent edition of this dictionary provides a comprehensive overview of the full range of health service terminology. Exhaustive listings on public health, health administration, epidemiology, managed care, and other areas of health service provide accurate, detailed definitions. This new third edition has

been expanded by approximately 6,000 entries. New areas include medical insurance, environmental health, and health care reform terminology. The dictionary also includes an exhaustive listing of health law and medical care organization terms.

White, Kevin. *The Sage Dictionary of Health and Society*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2006.
Doheny Library [Bookstacks] RA418 .W439 2006

This book defines over 900 terms used in the health studies field. The dictionary provides one-stop coverage of the social scientific arena in health studies, offers concise definitions of key terms and thinkers, includes entries that are cross indexed to facilitate comprehension, and focuses on global key terms which apply to the entire field rather than the application of terms in different countries. It provides clear, confident and succinct summaries of key terms, concepts, debates and influential figures in the field of social aspects of health.

Worthington, David. *Dictionary of Environmental Health*. New York: Spon Press, 2003.
Science Library [Bookstacks] RA566 .W68 2003

Environmental health comprises those aspects of human health, including quality of life, that are determined by physical, chemical, biological and psycho-social factors in the environment. It also refers to the theory and practice of assessing, correcting, controlling and preventing those factors in the environment that can potentially affect adversely the health of present and future generations. Such definitions are often misleading in an environmental health context. The *Dictionary of Environmental Health* provides a one-stop reference to over 3,000 common (and not so common) terms, concepts, abbreviations, acronyms and a wealth of supporting data no longer found in most reference books. Suitable for all environmental and public health practitioners and students.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Blank, Robert H. and Janna C. Merrick, eds. *Encyclopedia of U. S. Biomedical Policy*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1996.

Doheny Library [Reference] RA395 .A3E545 1996

This volume is a compedium of articles concerning biomedical policy issues in the United States since the 1970s. Entries are listed alphabetically and are cross-referenced with an asterisk to related entries. The extensive index offers another means of cross-checking entries by subject. Entries vary in length depending on the complexity of the topic but most include a mix of legislation and court cases, descriptions of key government agencies, private organizations, technologies, and issue areas. Each entry concludes with a short bibliography of key sources for further reading. Appendix A is a chronology of key events, court cases, and legislation. Appendix B provides a directory of key sources of information.

Breslow, Lester, ed. *Encyclopedia of Public Health*. 4 vols. New York: Macmillan, 2002.
Grand Library [Bookstacks] RA423 .E53 2002

The resource health addresses the concern of a national or local government for the health of its citizens, and encompasses everything from communicable diseases to environmental issues to social problems. Recent events related to the threat of bioterrorism focused attention on the preparedness of the U.S. public health system, however many less newsworthy programs such as water fluoridation, flu vaccination, and the removal of cigarette and alcohol advertising from television demonstrate a number of ways that the public health system has been at work in the long term. *The Encyclopedia of Public Health* is the first reference to cover the whole field; viewing each topic in the context of community, whether local, national

or global. The encyclopedia's international coverage is essential to understanding recent health concerns such as AIDS, Tuberculosis, Ebola Virus, and others. The text is accessible to non-specialists so that students in public policy and social sciences will be able to use this resource. Includes overviews, definitions, biographical entries, and an annotated bibliography of additional sources.

DIRECTORIES

Encyclopedia of Associations. Detroit, MI: Gale Group, Inc. Annual.

Doheny Library [Reference] HS17 .G3362

Encyclopedia of Associations: International Organizations. Detroit, MI: Gale Group, Inc. Annual.

Doheny Library [Reference] HS17 .G3364

Encyclopedia of Associations: Regional, State and Local Organizations. Detroit, MI: Gale Group, Inc. Annual.

Doheny Library [Reference] HS17.G3363

The most comprehensive source for detailed information on more than 22,000 nonprofit American membership organizations of national scope. Every entry offers a wealth of valuable data, typically including the organization's complete name, address and phone number together with the primary official's name and title; fax number, when available; founding date, purpose, activities and dues; national and international conferences; and more. Also featured is an alphabetical name and keyword index so you can quickly locate the name and address of the organization you need to contact without ever having to consult the main entry. *Encyclopedia of Associations* has two companion volumes: Volume 2, Geographic and Executive Indexes and Volume 3, Supplement, which updates contact information from the previous edition and provide coverage of new or newly identified associations and projects. The *Regional, State and Local Organizations* volume provide detailed information on U.S. nonprofit membership organizations with interstate, state, intrastate, city or local scope and interest. The *International Organizations* volume covers multinational and national membership organizations from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, including U.S.-based organizations with a binational or multinational membership.

Encyclopedia of Medical Organizations and Agencies. 7th edition. Detroit, MI: Gale Research Co., 1998.

Grand Library [Bookstacks] R15 .K78 ED.7 1998

Actually a directory, this resources brings together access to more than 14,000 public and private agencies concerned with medical information, funding, research, education, planning, advocacy, advice, and service. Sixty-nine subject chapters represent an entire range of contemporary medical fields. Entries provide contact and descriptive information for the organizations listed. A name and keyword index, as well as subject cross-index, facilitate easy access to information.

Medicare Managed Care Resource Information Directory. Baltimore, MD: Office of Managed Care, Health Care Financing Administration, 1995-. Annual.

Gerontology Library [Bookstacks] RA395 .A3M435

The Directory is divided into two sections. Section one– Beneficiary Rights and Information– provides information to assist beneficiaries in becoming better informed consumers, to understand a greater number of managed care related issues and to provide support for the most effective health care decision-making process. The Appeals, Complaints and Grievances section to provides information about appeals where the beneficiary has requested a reconsideration of an unfavorable decision by the managed care plan.

Section two contains information to assist the user in contacting HCFA Regional Offices, Health Insurance Counseling Programs, State Insurance Departments, and Peer Review Organizations. The directory gives information in the following manner: all plans are listed within regions. Regions are subdivided into states and the plans are listed in alphabetical order. All counties (full and partial) included in the plan's service area are listed. Some plans provide services only in specific zip codes within a county. Plans which provide services in counties across two or more state lines are listed in each state. However, only the counties for a particular state are listed in the state. Plans which have more than one type of contract or agreement with HCFA may be listed one or more times. The various types of managed care plans may be identified by the Key which follows each plan address. The Key is constructed to indicate the State in which the plan is located and what kind of contract or agreement the plans has with HCFA.

GUIDES

American Hospital Association Guide to the Health Care Field. Chicago, IL: The Association, 1974-. Annual.

VKC Library [Reference] RA977 .A1A46

This annual publication profiles hospitals, healthcare systems, networks, alliances, and other health care organizations, agencies and providers, all in a single, easy-to-read directory. The Guide is divided into three major sections with its own table of contents and pertinent definitions or explanatory information. The three sections list information about the following health service organizations: Hospitals, Networks, Health Care Systems, and Alliances, and Health Organizations, Agencies, and other health care providers. Hospitals and systems listed geographically with basic data such as addresses, phone numbers, CEOs, services, as well as statistical data such as beds, admissions, outpatient visits, and expenses. facilities for hospitals and contact information for system members. Organizations and agencies also have contact information.

Gibbs, Tyson. *A Guide to Ethnic Health Collections in the United States*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1996.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] Z6675 .M68G52 1996

This book describes various research collections at approximately seventy-five different institutions including government agencies, libraries, hospitals, and other health-related organizations. Listings are arranged by state. Includes a twenty-page bibliography on health issues for various ethnic groups.

HANDBOOKS

Caldwell, Chip, ed. *The Handbook for Managing Change in Health Care*. Milwaukee, WI: ASQ Quality Press, 1998.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] RA399 .A1H36 1998

This comprehensive reference work brings together analysis from more than thirty-five experts to write a handbook concerning the healthcare industry. A new addition to the ASQ Health Care Series, this comprehensive handbook classifies the major accomplishments made in quality management today and reveals the newest techniques in managing change in health care. Besides focusing on theoretical concepts and the application of experiences from change oriented health care organizations, the book also covers issues associated with strategic deployment and strategic measurement, clinical path development and other

multiple methods, quality planning concepts, organizational reengineering, change management, non-valued-added cost reduction, and accelerated deployment methods.

Duncan, W. Jack, Peter M. Ginter, and Linda E. Swayne. *Handbook of Health Care Management*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Business, 1998.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] RA971 .H274 1998

The goal of this text is to provide a link between health care research, theory, and practice. Readers may focus on managing relationship with stakeholders, customers, external environmental forces, and other organizations. Special features include the fact that topics selected for inclusion were chosen by health care professionals and academics through a comprehensive survey, each chapter is written by an active researcher in the field, and each chapter represents the latest in academic research but is oriented toward applications rather than theory. A list of references following the chapters can be used to search for more specific information if needed and there is a comprehensive index.

Kemp, Donna R. *Mental Health in America: A Reference Handbook*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2007.

Leavey Library [Information Commons Desk] RA790.6 .K4644 2007

This extensive overview charts the fluctuating course of mental health policy in the United States from colonial times to today. The Handbook examines the evolution of mental health policy in America from the almshouses of colonial times and the dawn of psychoanalysis in the early 1900s to the community mental health revolution in the 1960s and the insurance problems plaguing the field today. Addressing such conditions as Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, anxiety, dementia, bipolar disorder, and depression, this work explores the changing definitions and explanations of mental illness and provides detailed analyses of treatments and their effects, including electroshock therapy, lobotomy, and psychotropic drugs. The book features an exhaustive introductory essay. Also included is a summary of court cases demonstrates the impact of legislation on mental health policy in the United States and a detailed chronology of key events, reform movements, legislation, such as the National Mental Health Act of 1946, and landmark research findings.

Kilpatrick, Anne Osborne and James A. Johnson, eds. *Handbook of Health Administration and Policy*. New York: Marcel Dekker, 1999.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] RA427 .H29 1999

This comprehensive reference book offers a broad view of health care policy, health services delivery and organization, and health care management. Combining the insights of over 100 scholars and leading practitioners in the field, the Handbook highlights organizational changes reflected in health care mergers, networks, and affiliations, describes the role of funding agencies in the direct provision of services, tracks changes in the education of health professionals, analyzes the professionalization and deprofessionalization of multiskilled employees, details the future of rural and inner-city public hospitals, charts the influences of managed care on provisions, funding, and the configuration of providers and services, and portrays the increasingly influential and challenging role of health administrators. The volume includes over 2350 references, tables, and drawings, a glossary of common terms, and a keyword index.

Patti, Rino J., ed. *The Handbook of Social Welfare Management*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2000.

Doheny Library [Reference] HV41 .H325 2000

This handbook provides a broad and integrated treatment of theory, research, and practice pertaining to social welfare management in public and nonprofit sectors. Aimed at scholars, practitioners, and students

of administration, this book offers an in-depth analysis of this field of practice in historical and institutional contexts. Assembles the latest theory and research on human service organizations and their relationship to the design and operation of social agencies, critically examines the broad array of roles and functions performed by social welfare managers, and addresses strategic management issues that are and will confront administrators in the fields of mental health, health, family and children services, and services to the aged. In presenting this multi-dimensional treatment of social welfare management, the handbook critically examines the current state of knowledge about organizations and best management practices and raises important questions that will challenge future practitioners and scholars in the field.

Post, Linda Farber. *Handbook for Health Care Ethics Committees*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007.

Hospitals, nursing homes, and home care agencies seeking approval by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) must have a standing mechanism to address ethical issues. Most organizations have chosen to satisfy this with an interdisciplinary ethics committee. The best of these committees are knowledgeable, creative, and effective resources in their institutions. Many are well meaning but lack the information, experience, and skills to negotiate adequately the complex ethical issues that arise in clinical and organizational settings. The Handbook is the first resource to address the myriad responsibilities that ethics committees have, including education, case consultation, and policy development. Through case studies, the authors explore issues such as informed consent and refusal, decision making and decisional capacity, truth telling, decision-making concerns of minors, end-of-life issues, palliative care, justice in and access to health care services, and organizational ethics. Featuring an eight-chapter curriculum review and discussion of the ethical foundations of health care practice, sample policies and procedures, draft guidelines, and key legal cases, this handbook will be essential reading for every health care ethics committee member.

Smith, Jack. *Health Management Information Systems: A Handbook for Decision Makers*. Philadelphia, PA: Open University Press, 2000.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] RA971.6 .S58 2000

This comprehensive text is aimed at both practitioners and students, and it relates systems and management theories to applications found in health settings, and compares the best of international practice. It sets out the basic principles of health management information systems, and illustrates them with examples and case studies from a wide range of health care applications and from a number of different countries, including the USA, the UK, Germany and Australia. Coverage includes an overview of health information management systems; the strategic planning of health information systems; corporate information systems in health care organizations; primary health care; acute care health management information systems; data communications in health care; data protection and the health consumer; intelligent applications of health information systems.

Stricker, George, Warwick G. Troy, and Sharon A. Shueman. *Handbook of Quality Management in Behavioral Health*. New York: Kluwer Academic, 2000.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] RA790.5 .H33 2000

This handbook is designed as a general resource in the field of behavioral health quality management for a very diverse group of readers, including graduate and undergraduate students, payors, purchasers and administrators within managed care organizations, public sector service system planners and managers, applied health services researchers and program evaluators. The work provides a comprehensive context for the development of quality management (QM) in health services, with a particular focus on behavioral health in particular, as well as an overview of tools, techniques, and programs reflecting QM in practice. It also offers perspectives on both internally- and externally-based QM activities.

INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

ABI/Inform. Ann Arbor, MI: Bell and Howell, 1971-. Daily.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/740.php

The premier business and management database providing extensive coverage of North America and the world. ABI/INFORM provides in-depth coverage of business conditions, trends, corporate strategies and tactics, management techniques, competitive and product information, and a wide variety of other topics. It gives informative indexing and substantive abstracts to articles from more than 1,000 leading business and management publications, including over 350 English-language titles from outside the U.S. These publications include general business periodicals, academic journals, and industry-specific publications. Also, the database includes information on over 60,000 companies and their subsidiaries. This is the best place to begin researching the business aspects of health care administration and its policy implications.

AgeLine. Washington, DC: American Association of Retired Persons, 1978-. Bimonthly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/3.php

The AGELINE database is produced by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). It provides bibliographic coverage of social gerontology, which is the study of aging in psychological, health-related, social, and economic contexts. The delivery of health care to the older population and its associated costs and policies is particularly well covered, as are consumer, employment, and public policy issues. Literature covered is of interest to researchers, health professionals, service planners, policymakers, employers, older adults and their families, and consumer advocates.

Alt-HealthWatch. Ipswith, MA: Ebsco Publishing, 1990-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/1034.php

Alt-HealthWatch is a full-text and image database focusing on the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated approaches to healthcare and wellness. It offers nearly 50,000 articles from 160 international peer-reviewed journals, academic and professional publications, magazines, reports, proceedings, association and consumer newsletters, plus hundreds of pamphlets, booklets, original research and book excerpts. The database provides in-depth coverage on both professional and consumer levels across the full spectrum of more than two hundred therapies, modalities and perspectives addressed by integrated medicine and covered by "Alternative Medicine." Subject areas covered include: Acupuncture, Mind-Body Medicine, Chinese Medicine, Creative Therapies, Chiropractic, Naturopathy, Homeopathy, Osteopathy, Energy Medicine, Body Work, Herbalism, Aromatherapy, Nutrition, Childbirth, Cross-Cultural Therapies, and Veterinary Medicine.

Alternative Press Index. Baltimore, MD: Alternative Press Center, 1969-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/3119.php

The *Alternative Press Index* was launched in 1969 to provide access to the practices and theories of radical social change. The Index is international and interdisciplinary, spanning the social sciences and humanities, with its central focus on the practice and theory of socialism, national liberation, labor, indigenous peoples, gays/lesbians, feminism, ecology, democracy, and anarchism. The index covers approximately 250 alternative, radical, and left-leaning journals, magazines, and newspapers published in North America and a select number from other nations. Citations are arranged by subject and title of article.

America: History and Life. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clío, 1964-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/936.php>

This bibliographic database covers the history of the United States and Canada. It includes key English-language historic journals, selected historic journals from major countries, state and local history journals, and selected relevant journals in the social sciences and humanities. Most articles included are in English; all abstracts are in English. The index also covers book reviews and selected dissertations. This is the best place to go to find historical literature concerning all aspects of peace and security concerning the United States. Please note that access to this database is limited to six simultaneous users. If you experience access problems, please try again later.

HealthSTAR Through OVID. Washington, DC: National Library of Medicine, 1975-. Monthly.

Norris Library Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/hsl/gateways/3928.php

HealthSTAR focuses on both the clinical (emphasizing the evaluation of patient outcomes and the effects of procedures, programs, products, services and processes) and the non-clinical (emphasizing health administration, economics, planning, and policy) aspects of health care delivery. It includes relevant bibliographic records from MEDLINE and CATLINE (the National Library of Medicine's book catalog), and additional, unique records from several sources including materials with an emphasis on health care administration, selected and indexed on an ongoing basis by the American Hospital Association (AHA) and materials on health services research, clinical practice guidelines, and health care technology assessment selected and indexed on an ongoing basis through the National Library of Medicine's National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR). Indexes with author abstracts primarily English, international journal articles, monographs, technical reports, meeting abstracts and papers, books and book chapters, and government documents.

EconLit. Nashville, TN: American Economic Association, 1963-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/188.php

This is the most complete index devoted entirely to the subject of economics. Published quarterly, this source indexes both books and articles, providing detailed annotations for each entry, although they must be fewer than 100 words. To access the entries, one needs to use the classification system created by the *Journal* and published in the front of each issue. Both books and journals are indexed this way. An author index is also included. Also available on the Electronic Resources Web Page under *EconLit*.

Ethnic NewsWatch. Stamford, CT: Softline Information, Inc., 1985-. Monthly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/1032.php>

Ethnic NewsWatch is a comprehensive full-text collection of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the ethnic, minority and native press. A rich collection of articles, editorials, columns, reviews, etc. provide a broad diversity of perspectives and viewpoints. With over 500,000 articles from more than 200 publications, the titles in *Ethnic NewsWatch* represent the diversity of the American population in ways that are not seen in the mainstream media. Topics addressed include the arts, business, education, the environment, history, journalism, political science, and sociology. Period covered if from 1985 to the present and the database can be searched in either English or Spanish. Note: Access to this database is limited to 5 simultaneous users. If you experience access problems, it is likely that all 5 users are using the database. Please try again later.

Gender NewsWatch. Stamford, CT: Softline Information, Inc., 1970-. Monthly.
Electronic Resources Web Page
<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/1033.php>

GenderWatch is a full text database of publications that focus on the impact of gender across a broad spectrum of subject areas. Subjects covered include: business, education, literature and the arts, health sciences, history, political science, public policy, sociology, gender and women's studies and more. The database provides in-depth coverage of the subjects that are uniquely central to women's lives. It includes content on the impact of gender and gender roles on areas such as: the arts, popular culture and media, business and work, crime and criminology, education, research and scholarship, family, health care and medicine, politics, policy and legislation, pornography, religion, sexuality and sexology, sports and leisure. Publications include academic and scholarly journals, magazines, newspapers, newsletters, regional publications, books, booklets and pamphlets, conference proceedings, and government, n-g-o and special reports. GenderWatch also contains archival material making it a repository of an important historical perspective on the evolution of the women's movement and the changes in gender roles and understandings over the last fifteen to twenty years.

LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe. Dayton, OH: Reed Elsevier, Inc., 1995-. Daily.
Electronic Resources Web Page
<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/110.php>

Searchable full text resource of major, regional, and foreign newspaper articles, magazine articles, governmental news, as well as medical and legal journal articles. Also includes U.S. state and foreign country profiles, state legal materials, U.S. code, federal case law, and biographical information. In addition, there is corporate news and profiles. An excellent source, especially for very current materials and to obtain a regional perspective on a topic.

LEXIS/NEXIS Congressional Universe. Bethesda, MD: Congressional Information Service, 1970-.
Electronic Resources Web Page
http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/40.php

This service is the best place to look for information published by and about Congress from 1970 to the present. With *Congressional Universe*, researchers can: pinpoint expert testimony on the leading issues of the day; tap authoritative sources of statistics, projections, and analyses; discover a law's intent by tracing its legislative history; gauge congressional attitudes toward current topics; find out how members of Congress voted on legislation; investigate the finances of members of Congress; monitor legislation and public policy on almost any topic; review the federal regulations that implement legislation; and learn the makeup and mission of congressional committees. The service provides a seamless link to the full range of legislative and public policy resources, including hearing transcripts and submitted testimony from 1988 forward; committee reports from 1989 forward; bills—all versions of legislation introduced from 1989 forward; bill tracking reports from 1989 forward; selected committee prints from 1995 forward; congressional documents from 1995 forward; the *Congressional Record* from 1985 forward; and the *Federal Register* from 1980 forward. The vast range of subject matter on *CIS Congressional Universe* encompasses topics in public policy, history, sociology, political science, technology and society, and more. With links to related web sites, this system also enhances the user's ability to explore the legislative scene even further. The system is thoroughly cross-referenced with controlled vocabulary that lets users find information from virtually any starting point. Researchers can find information by subject, source committee, bill number, session of Congress, government document number, publication number, title, witness name and affiliation, public law number (for legislative histories), and date.

LEXIS/NEXIS State Capital Universe. Bethesda, MD: Congressional Information Service.
Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/1770.php

CIS State Capital Universe is the world's most comprehensive access to state government information from Congressional Information Service, Inc. The service provides access to: state bills and laws, constitutions, proposed and enacted regulations, and newspapers articles about legislative issues affecting the states and the legislative membership. Users can search for information about one state, any combination of states, or all 50 states from a single source. Useful for comparing health care policies among different states.

National Journal Group's Policy Central. Washington, DC: National Journal Group, 2001-. Daily.
Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/2376.php>

This is a comprehensive resource on United States politics and public policy for the academic community. Among the services provided in this online directory is: the text of the *National Journal*, the leading nonpartisan weekly on politics, policy and government; the ability to track American politics and campaigns with coverage of each day's political news and to follow the key players and legislative process on Capitol Hill; full-text access to the Almanac of American Politics providing analysis and data on every member of Congress and their states and districts; the "Markup Reports & Bill Status" directory that offers complete coverage of every Congressional markup session, as well as constantly updated reports on key legislation; and, the online Ad Spotlight that allows the users to explore political and issue television ads with streaming audio or video. Also included is the Poll Track file is a database of public opinion surveys from across the country. Updated daily.

PAIS: Public Affairs Information Service. New York: Public Affairs Information Service, 1972-.
Monthly, with annual cumulations.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/415.php>

A selective list of the latest books, periodical articles, government documents, pamphlets, microfiche, and reports of public and private agencies relating to business, economics and social conditions, public policy and administration, and international relations. The system provides selective subjects and bibliographic access to periodicals, books, hearings, reports, gray literature, government publications, Internet resources, and other publications from 120 countries. Materials are in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish with English language abstracts and subject headings. Contains more than 480,000 records, each with bibliographic information and brief, descriptive abstracts. Use *PAIS Archive*, a retrospective database chronicling global public policy and social issues from 1915 through 1976 at http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/7078.php

RAND California. Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 1998-.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/1240.php

RAND California provides a variety of information about the state of California including statistical tables on business and economics, population and demographics, education, health, government finance, and politics and public opinion in California; an online library of information and links to publications from leading California public policy and research institutions; and, California Policy Bulletins, which are summaries of state government news, published twice monthly (generally on the second and fourth Mondays) when the state legislature is in session and occasionally during other periods.

Sage Public Administration Abstracts. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 1974- . Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/1842.php

Selectively abstracts journal articles, some books, chapters from collections, government publications, and research studies. Its coverage is limited. Arranged by broad subject categories (e.g., administrative structure and organization; administration and law; taxation, budgeting, and finance, etc.) with a generalized author and subject index.

Social Work Abstracts. Washington, DC: National Association of Social Workers, 1977-. Semiannual.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/145.php

Social Work Abstracts contains information on the fields of social work and human services from 1977 to present. The database provides exceptional coverage of more than 450 journals in all areas of the profession, including theory and practice, areas of service, social issues, and social problems. Practitioners and researchers in areas such as social sciences, gerontology, welfare, public health, criminology, and education as well as all areas of human services, will benefit from using this database. *Social Work Abstracts* is appropriate for finding research dealing with scholarly and professional perspectives in the field of social work and health care.

Sociological Abstracts. San Diego, CA: Sociological Abstracts, Inc., 1957-. Six times per year. Doheny Library [Reading Room; also available online] HM1 .S67

Web: <http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/183.php>

Sociological Abstracts indexes the international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences such as economics, community development, political science and public policy. The database provides annotations for books, selected book chapters, journal articles, and selected papers presented at professional conferences as well as citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,700 serials publications. Records added after 1974 contain in-depth and non-evaluative abstracts of journal articles. Many records from key journals in sociology, published since 2001, also include the references cited in the bibliography of the source article. Each individual reference may also have links to an abstract and/or to other papers that cite that reference; these links increase the possibility of finding more potentially relevant articles. Also indexed are relevant dissertations. Includes an author index and subject index.

Web of Science Citation Indexing Service. Philadelphia, PA: Institute for Scientific Information, 1987-. Daily.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/732.php

The Web of Science ISI Citation Databases are multi-disciplinary databases of bibliographic information indexed so that you can search for specific articles by subject, author, journal, and/or author address. USC has access to three citation databases. The *Science Citation Index* is a database with searchable author abstracts, covering the journal literature of the sciences. It indexes 5,300 major journals across 164 scientific disciplines, covering approximately 2,000 more journals than its SCI print and CD-ROM counterparts, with all cited references captured. The *Social Sciences Citation Index* indexes 1,700 journals spanning 50 disciplines, as well as covering individually selected, relevant items from over 3,300 of the world's leading scientific and technical journals. *Arts & Humanities Citation Index* indexes 1,100 of the world's leading arts and humanities journals, as well as covering individually selected, relevant items from over 6,800 major science and social science journals.

Women Studies International. Baltimore, MD: National Information Services Corporation, 1972-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

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Women's Studies International covers the core disciplines in women's studies to the latest scholarship in feminist research. The resource supports curriculum development in the areas of sociology, history, political science and economy, public policy, international relations, arts and humanities, business and education. Nearly 800 essential sources include: journals, newspapers, newsletters, bulletins, books, book chapters, proceedings, reports, theses, dissertations, NGO studies, important websites & web documents, and grey literature. Over 2,000 periodical sources are represented. Note: Access to this database is limited to 5 simultaneous users. If you experience access problems, it is likely that all 5 users are using the database. Please try again later.

STATISTICAL SOURCES

Health Care Financing Review Medicare and Medicaid Statistical Supplement. Baltimore, MD: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Research and Demonstrations, 1995-. Annual.

VKC Library [Reference] RA410.53 .H4152

This supplement to the journal *Health Care Financing Review* presents comprehensive data on the experiences of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Each annual issue contains the following data: 1) extensive graphic representations of longitudinal and cross-sectional data describing the demographic characteristics of program beneficiaries patterns of service utilization, and program expenditures for the Medicare and Medicaid programs; 2) descriptions of the eligibility criteria, benefit structures, and payment methods of the Medicare and Medicaid programs; and 3) detailed longitudinal and cross-sectional tables describing the number and characteristics of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, the use of Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and the amounts and distributions of program payments by State, beneficiary characteristics, and service type.

Health Care State Rankings. Lawrence, KS: Morgan Quitno Corp., 1993-. Annual.

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This statistical compendium compares the fifty United States in hundreds of health-related categories. In addition to announcing which is the year's "Healthiest State," *Health Care State Rankings* provides data on health care facilities, providers, insurance and finance, disease, mortality, physical fitness, natality and reproductive health. Its 512 tables of state health comparisons are easy to use and understand. Includes several appendices of population statistics.

Hospital Statistics. Chicago, IL: The American Hospital Association, 1990-. Annual.

VKC Library [Reference] RA981 .A2A6234

This statistical resource book provides a comprehensive analysis of the hospital market based upon a survey by the American Hospital Association of more than 6,200 U.S. hospitals. Data tables are compiled in peer groups to allow you to make accurate comparisons across the following categories: Bed Size, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), State, Census Division, and United States. *Hospital Statistics* offers a thorough look at evolving hospital service lines, such as utilization of personnel, revenue and expenses, and community health indicators. Cross comparisons can be made of any one of 84 select services. Excellent source for understanding the current hospital marketplace in America.

Statistical Universe. Bethesda, MD: Congressional Information Service, 1998-.
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World Health Statistics Annual. Genève, Switzerland: World Health Organization, 1962-. Annual.
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This book presents detailed country-specific statistical data on mortality rates, causes of death, and other indicators of the health situation at national and global levels. Health statistics, which are submitted to WHO by national health and statistical offices, are compiled each year in order to help policy makers interpret changes over time and compare key indicators of health status in different countries. Statistics are presented in three sections. The first gives country-specific statistics showing assessed 1996 population size and composition by major age groups, and estimates of the population growth rate, crude birth rates and crude death rate in 1996. These basic data provide a common demographic reference for health assessment and analysis. The second and most extensive section presents detailed mortality statistics, by sex, age, and cause, submitted according to ICD-9 by sixty countries. Data on age-standardized death rates, life expectancies, and causes of infant deaths are also provided. This section also includes nonstandard mortality data from sixteen countries. The final section presents mortality, cause-of-death, and population data for eight countries that submitted data according to ICD-10. The annual concludes with a series of annexes. These include a users' guide to standardized transcripts on electronic storage media, available from WHO, specifications and record layouts for reporting mortality and population statistics to WHO in computer readable form, and a list of the items, from the ICD-10 Tabulation List, that were selected or grouped to present national cause-of-death statistics for countries submitting data according to ICD-10.