

April 30, 2010
Health Policy Internship

Consumers for Affordable Health Care, a non-profit advocacy organization committed to helping all Maine people obtain affordable, quality health care, is seeking a part-time (2-3 days per week) health policy intern to work during the summer. This internship would be unpaid if for academic credit. Otherwise, a stipend or hourly wage is negotiable. Flexible start/end dates.

Our policy advocacy team researches and analyzes state and federal health care policies and legislation and their impact on consumers. We work strategically with coalition partners, government agencies, legislators and health care organizations to pursue our advocacy goals.

As an intern, you will gain experience in research, analysis, and public education regarding health care policy, including state legislation. You will have the opportunity to interact with the health policy and progressive advocacy communities in Maine. You will also gain a broad understanding of the complex issues facing our health care system, including implementation of the new national health reform law.

Responsibilities include:

- Research analyses of health policy and health reform law
- Tracking and analyzing legislation and legislative activities related to health care
- Monitoring state health care initiatives, including legislative and executive committees and agencies
- Educating partners, policymakers and the general public
- Collaborating and communicating with organizational partners
- Primarily works within the Policy team; may also support Outreach, Communications, and Administrative staff as needed

Requirements:

- Rising third or fourth-year college student with major in public policy, public health, political science, or a related field OR rising first or second-year law student with an interest in policy advocacy
- Interest in public policy, law, or health policy and a desire to pursue a related career
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Flexibility to adapt to change and ability to complete multiple assignments under tight time constraints
- Excellent research, analytical, and organizational skills
- Ability to work both independently and in a team environment
- Working knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet programs
- Familiarity with new media and social networking tools, e.g. Facebook, YouTube, and blogs

Please send cover letter and resume by **May 15, 2010** by mail to Belinda Thurlow, Consumers for Affordable Health Care Foundation, PO Box 2490, Augusta, ME 04338, or by email to: bthurlow@mainecahc.org. CAHC Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer.