

Research Analyst – Writer/Coordinator

Acumen LLC and The SPHERE Institute, affiliated small business and not-for-profit policy firms established by scholars from Stanford University in 1996, conduct public policy research and statistical analysis on health and social service programs at the national, state, and local levels. We are growing rapidly and are seeking entry level and experienced Research Analysts to assist our health policy research.

The majority of our current projects are in the areas of Medicare and Medicaid policy, particularly focusing on Medicare Part D and the quality of care and safety. Some of our current clients include:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
 - National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Congressional Budget Office
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- State of California Department of Health Services

As a result of our numerous federal and state government contracts, we have access to an extensive amount of healthcare data. A small sampling of our current work includes:

- Evaluating Pay for Performance in Medicare
- Using claims data to perform post-market surveillance of drugs and biologics
- Analyzing Medicare Part D claims data to assess variation in drug prices and utilization
- Understanding the implications of Medicare payment policies
- Creating research files that link with multiple survey data sources

Position Description:

Acumen is a meritocracy where the level of responsibility is commensurate to one's demonstrated abilities and initiative; there is no bureaucracy or rigid job definitions to impede professional development. Junior and Senior Research Analysts will typically:

- Interpret research findings and complex quantitative analyses for policy audiences
- Assist in drafting reports, memos and grant proposals
- Deliver technical assistance to help clients understand policy briefs and research reports
- Coordinate project activities and manage communications among diverse groups of clients and constituents at the federal, state and local levels

Qualifications:

- BA/BS in economics, statistics, public policy, health policy or related field
- Quantitative research and proven analytical ability, including demonstrated analytical writing experience
- Statistical programming knowledge preferred
- Basic computer proficiency required
- Enthusiasm for learning

This is a full time position, with salary based on experience and/or education. Benefits provided. To apply, please visit our website at www.acumenllc.com/jobs.