Blog Assignment: Health Care

Objective:
- Health students, after reading about the 2010 U.S. health care law in the textbook and on the Internet, will analyze and evaluate the law, then state and defend their opinions on it.

Points possible: 15

Due date: Nov. 17 at 11:55 p.m. (Pacific time)

Steps:
1. Choose one of the following aspects of the health care law to write about in the blog: pre-existing conditions, kids on parents’ insurance policies until age 26, affect on the deficit, higher taxes for wealthy, no public option, effect on prescription drugs, penalties for those who don’t purchase insurance, Medicare effects.
2. Research your chosen aspect by reading about it in your textbook and on the Internet. Look for differing views. Analyze and evaluate the aspect.
3. Post an entry into the blog that includes the following:
   a. A brief synopsis of the aspect. Include any facts, and tell why it is important.
   b. Do you agree with the provisions of this aspect? Why or why not?
   c. Defend your stance with factual information. Cite your sources.
   d. Which groups and/or political parties support your stance? Which groups oppose your stance?
   e. What affect might this aspect have on you in the future (or presently, if applicable)?
4. Access the blog, then click Create Blog Entry. In the Title field, type the name of your aspect, then type your answer into the text field. When done, click Post Entry.
5. Read your classmates’ posts. Don’t be surprised to see questions regarding this blog appear on your exam.
6. For the assignment, you will be assessed based on the general blogging rubric for this class.