

**Book:** *Health Care Economics, Sixth Edition*

**Author:** Paul J. Feldstein

**Publisher:** Thomson Delmar Learning  
Clifton Park, NY, © 2005

**ISBN:** 1401859798

**Reviewer:** Robert E. Hoye, PhD, FAAMA  
Professor Emeritus, University of Louisville  
Faculty Mentor, Health Services, Walden University  
Louisville, KY

### **Book Review**

This is a well-known and established text in health economics and should enjoy the same successes as earlier editions. While used as a basic text in academia, this updated Sixth Edition provides documented, factual and authoritative information to all concerned with this timely issue in our healthcare system. The healthcare administrator and board member would be well advised to have a copy available for reference. It would be difficult to imagine that an individual charged with the administration or management of a healthcare system or sub-system would not be familiar with the concepts presented in the book. Social activists and politicians could well profit from the understandings basic to change in our nation's healthcare system. Researchers should welcome this refined and current treatise on health economics. It is well documented and referenced in what makes up the body of knowledge known as health economics.

Learning objectives are stated at the start of each chapter, as well as a listing of key terms and concepts. These are important aids to the reader as he attempts to master this complex subject. The reader is able to test or compare his understandings with the learning objectives stated by the author. Each of the 19 chapters in the book is well illustrated, contains a helpful summary and appendixes with relevant materials referenced. The separate glossary at the end of the book provides updated definitions for terms used throughout the text. A complex subject matter is made easy for the reader to follow.

Publishers should take notice of the attractive layout and learning aids made available to the reader. Complex issues, such as health economics, need not be presented as a mystery to the reader. Any discussion of health related economics and trends should reference this well written text.