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Tim's research focuses on a wide variety of Georgia's health care issues including the state's Medicaid and PeachCare programs as well as health insurance-related tax policy issues. He closely follows state budget development to document the affects various budget and policy proposals have on key state health care programs, and monitors federal health policy to assess the affect national health care policy changes have on Georgia. While at GBPI, Tim has authored "Using a Medicaid Expansion to Target Georgia's Uninsured Adults in Poverty" and co-authored "Georgia's Medicaid Program: A Briefing for Community Leaders". Tim regularly presents to community, business and civic groups throughout the state. In 2008 he served on the Healthcare Georgia Foundation's selection committee for the Joseph E. Greene Community Service Award. Tim holds a master's degree in public affairs from the La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and a bachelor's degree in mathematics and political science from the University of Oregon. Tim has been quoted in several statewide publications including the Atlanta Business Chronicle, NPR Atlanta, Athens Banner-Herald and Georgia Health News, to name a few.

Policy Areas:

- *Health care*
- *Affordable Care Act*

Recent Published Work:

- ***FY 2012 Budget Replaces Federal Recovery Funds, Inadequately Funds State Medicaid Program (May, 2011)***
Report provides an overview of the enacted FY 2012 budget as well as issues facing the Department of Community Health in future fiscal years.
- ***FY 2012 Funds New Department of Public Health (May, 2011)***
Report provides highlights of the enacted FY 2012 budget for the Department of Public Health.
- ***The Affordable Care Act's Medicaid Expansion and Georgia (January 2011)***
Editorial published in the Athens Banner-Herald