PHC 6102
Principles of Health Policy & Management

Policy Modification
Objectives

• Identify policy modification influences
• Distinguish policy modification from policy initiation
• Understand the phases in which modification can occur
• Explain roles of branches of government in policy modification
Overview

• Policy formulation
  1. Agenda setting
  2. Legislative development

• Policy implementation
  1. Rulemaking
  2. Operations

• Policy modification
Health Policy Making Process

Preferences of individuals, organizations, and interest groups, along with biological, cultural, demographic, ecological, economic, ethical, legal, psychological, social, and technological inputs

Policy Formulation Phase
- Agenda Setting
  - Problems
  - Possible Solutions
  - Political Circumstances
- Development of Legislation
- Window of Opportunity*

Policy Implementation Phase
- Bridged by Formal Enactment of Legislation
- Rulemaking
- Operation

Policy Modification Phase
- Feedback from individuals, organizations, and interest groups experiencing the consequences of policies, combined with the assessments of the performance and impact of policies by those who formulate and implement them, influences future policy formulation and implementation.

*The window of opportunity opens when there is a favorable confluence of problems, possible solutions, and political circumstances.

Policy Modification vs. Initiation

• Initiation of original public law
• Modification stems from consequences of existing policy that stimulates changes in:
  – Policy Formulation phase
    • Agenda Setting
    • Legislative Development
  – Policy Implementation phase
    • Rulemaking
    • Operation
Policy Modification Causes

- Unintended consequences of policies
- Negatively affected seek to change policy
- Objectives are not met
- Changing environment
  - Budgetary
  - Social
  - Biological
  - Technological
  - Demographic
  - Legislative
Roles in Policy Modification

• Legislative branch
  – Hearings
  – Budget review

• Executive branch
  – Secretary-level leadership
  – Office of Management and Budget (OMB) or Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis

• Judicial branch
Questions

• What distinguishes policy modification from policy initiation?
• At which phase(s) or stage(s) can policy be modified?
• What are some of the reasons policies are modified?
• In what ways can a legislature modify policy? Executive branch? Judicial branch?