



Employers' Forum of Indiana Taps RAND Researcher Jonathan S. Levin to Lead Health Economics and Policy Work



INDIANAPOLIS, IN - March 16, 2026 — The Employers' Forum of Indiana (EFI) is pleased to announce that Jonathan S. Levin, PhD, MPH, has joined the organization as Vice President of Healthcare Economics and Policy Research. Levin has more than a decade of experience studying what drives healthcare costs, how payment systems work, and where they break down. He brings that work to an organization with deep policy roots and a track record of turning research into real change, in Indiana and increasingly across the country.

Levin most recently served as a Policy Researcher at RAND, leading teams of data scientists, economists, clinicians, and statisticians and directing nearly \$1 million in competitive grants as Principal Investigator. His research has focused on payment reform, provider consolidation, prescription drug costs, and the relationship between hospital prices and the quality-of-care patients actually receive. He has published more than 25 peer-reviewed articles in journals including Health Affairs, JAMA Network Open, Health Services Research, and Health Economics. His work has informed policy decisions at the federal, state, and local levels, with findings presented to federal health agencies, state Medicaid programs, and county governments across the country.

Levin's research experience aligns closely with EFI's focus on advancing transparency, value, and affordability in healthcare. RAND powers Sage Transparency 2.0, EFI's free, open-access platform that gives employers, policymakers, and journalists the ability to compare hospital prices and quality in one place. It is the kind of tool Levin's research was built to inform.

"Jonathan has spent years studying exactly the problems our members and state are working to solve," said Randa Deaton, M.A., Chief Executive Officer of the Employers' Forum of Indiana. "He understands the key cost drivers of employer-sponsored insurance, and how to turn complicated data into evidence-based insights that will guide EFI's priorities. We are thrilled to have him leading our transparency and research initiatives."

Levin holds a PhD in Health Policy and Management from Johns Hopkins University, an MPH from Harvard University, and a BA from Oberlin College. As Vice President of Healthcare Economics and Policy Research, Levin will oversee EFI's research and data analytics work, support the organization's state and federal policy efforts, and serve as a subject matter expert for EFI members, legislators, and strategic partners.