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Olympia, Washington

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Position – Open Until Filled

FORECAST AND RESEARCH ANALYST/ SENIOR FORECAST AND RESEARCH ANALYST

EXEMPT RECRUITMENT

The Office of Financial Management is a non-represented agency. If you have applied for Senior Forecast and Research Analyst or Forecast and Research Analyst positions previously, and are interested in this position, please reapply.

Special note: In accordance with WAC 357-19-195, employees who left classified service to accept exempt employment have the right to return to the highest class of position in which the employee previously held permanent status, or to a position of similar nature and salary, provided the employee was not terminated from an exempt position for gross misconduct or malfeasance.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

The salary range of consideration, depending upon qualifications, is \$72,000 - \$94,500 annually plus a competitive [benefits package](#) that includes paid vacation and sick leave; health, life and disability insurance; retirement; options, flexible work schedules; training opportunities; and leave for military service.

PROCESS

The top candidates will be contacted directly to interview for this position. Because the selection will be based on information provided by you, it is in your best interest to identify the knowledge, skills and abilities that address the mandatory and desirable qualifications described below. This position will be filled as either a Senior Forecast and Research Analyst or Forecast and Research Analyst based on the successful candidate's qualifications.

Interested applicants should submit the following:

1. A letter of interest describing specific qualifications.
2. A current resume detailing applicable experience, education and current salary.
3. A list of at least three professional references with current telephone



Please send completed application packets by mail, fax or email to:

Office of Financial Management
Employee Services
PO Box 43113
Olympia, WA 98504-3113
Fax: 360-586-0051

numbers.

Email: ofmhr@ofm.wa.gov

4. Personal Data sheet

www.ofm.wa.gov/jobs/datasheet.doc.

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES

The Office of Financial Management's (OFM's) mission is to provide accurate and timely information, fiscal services, and policy support that the Governor, Legislature, and state agencies need to serve the people of Washington State. The Forecasting and Research Division supports OFM's mission by providing high-quality data and objective analyses on key issues affecting the state budget and policy development. Forecasting and Research Division activities include: budget driver and expenditure forecasts, research, and monitoring; population estimates, forecasts, and census data; and statewide economic research to support fiscal planning and economic policy decisions.

This position will conduct analyses in support of the Medicaid forecast and the Washington State All Payer Claims Database (WA-APCD) health care price transparency project. The incumbent will:

- Work with the supervisor to identify Medicaid forecast issues. Develop research proposals and methodologies. Evaluate the feasibility of the proposals. Evaluate data sources to use in analysis of research questions. Primary data sources will include Medicaid claims and encounter data, the WA-APCD, Medicare claims, and other health care data. Using statistical software, such as SAS, clean and verify data, perform requisite analyses and validate analytical results.
- Identify research questions and conduct health claims research. In collaboration with stakeholders, identify health care cost, quality and outcomes research topics. Develop research proposals and methodologies. Working with the supervisor, evaluate the feasibility of the proposals. Evaluate data sources to use in analysis of research questions. Primary data sources will include the WA-APCD, Medicare claims, and other health care data. Using statistical software, such as SAS, clean and verify data, perform requisite analyses and validate analytical results. Describe data, methodologies, and research findings in research briefs and reports. Develops and delivers presentations on project results to diverse audiences.
- Working with stakeholders, identify/develop health care cost, quality and outcome measures. Using SAS or other statistical software to analyze claims and other health care data, produce reports that present price transparency and quality measures for health information consumers. Reports may include time series, geographic, or setting-specific analyses of pricing patterns.
- Answer requests from agency and legislative staff, health agencies in other states, and the general public concerning health care price and quality issues. Identify requesters' information needs. Assess availability of requested information. Provide requested information or direct requesters to appropriate resources.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CORE COMPETENCIES

Required qualifications

1. Graduate degree in public health, economics, statistics, or related discipline from an accredited college or university recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation
2. At least three years of experience analyzing data using SAS 9.x or other statistical software; Doctoral degree may substitute for experience as long as there is proficiency with statistical software. Senior Forecast and Research Analyst requires at least five years of experience.
3. Proficiency with data management
4. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively.

Preferred/desired qualifications

1. Doctoral degree in public health, economics, statistics, or related discipline from an accredited college or university recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation
2. Expert knowledge of SAS
3. Experience analyzing health care claims and encounter data
4. Demonstrated knowledge of Washington's health care environment

Core competencies

- Demonstrate ability to solve problems using proven methods
- Commitment to continuously improving processes

The Office of Financial Management is an equal opportunity employer. We strive to create a working environment that includes and respects cultural, racial, and ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity diversity. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons of disability, persons over 40 years of age, and disabled and Vietnam-era veterans are encouraged to apply. Persons needing accommodation in the application process, or who wish to receive this job announcement in an alternative format, may call 360-725-0158 or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf: 711 Relay.