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Conference on health care quality, effectiveness, cost containment slated at USI

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A three-hour conference on health care quality, effectiveness, and cost containment will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, October 13, in the University of Southern Indiana Conference Center, and will feature a report from a Pennsylvania council which has an eight-year experience in assessing statewide health care.

The USI conference will present Ernest Sessa, executive director of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, and Dr. John C. Bailey, Indiana state health commissioner who will discuss what Indiana has done and can do.

Tim Mahoney, manager of special projects for USI Extended Services who is coordinating the health-care forum, drew from the Pennsylvania Model in noting, "Compiling information about the cost, quality, and availability of health-care services is an essential early step in the effort to manage cost and assure access for quality medical care in the Tri-State.

"Health care providers benefit by having easy access to information to compare quality and cost among providers, employers benefit by having information available when designing or selecting a plan, and most importantly, the consumer can make a more informed decision in receiving a quality, cost-effective medical outcome," Mahoney said.

The conference is sponsored by the Tri-State Business Group on Health and the USI School of Nursing and Health Professions and Office of Extended Services. The public is invited; the registration fee is \$10. Call Extended Services, 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600, for information.