

Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health

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Week 7 – Budgets, the Scope of Funded Care Packages, and Waiting

1. **The case for mandated insurance**

*Why would it be problematic to have a free market in health insurance?*

*If we make insurance mandatory, how should the minimum insurance package be determined?*

*What are Voorhoeve’s objections to the “Representative Prudent Individual Test”?*

*How can we improve upon the RPIT, according to Voorhoeve? Is this view convincing?*

1. **Waiting times**

*What is a Pareto efficient distribution? Think of some examples to clarify this concept.*

*Why is it morally impermissible to jump the queue?*

*What are the moral virtues of waiting time, according to John and Millum? Are their arguments convincing?*

1. **Next Week: Measuring and valuing health: QALYs, NICE’s approach and deciding which interventions to fund**

*Readings:*

Cookson, Richard and Anthony Culyer, “Measuring overall population health: the use and abuse of QALYs”