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Roland Sturm (Ph.D., Economics, Stanford University, 1991), is a Senior Economist at RAND. Dr. Sturm's recent research has focused on the economics of healthy living; health care costs of poor health habits; changes of mental health and substance abuse services under managed care; and effects of the parity legislation for behavioral health care. He is the author of over 100 scientific publications and has testified on health care issues in Congress and several state legislatures. From 1996 to 2003, Dr. Sturm directed the economic and policy research program of the joint RAND/UCLA Research Center on Managed Care and was awarded the National Institute of Health Care Management's Award for excellence in health services research in 2001. His latest projects, funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, analyze how urban design and neighborhood characteristics affect lifestyles and health.