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1) "After a [study in Greenville](#) found a 47 percent reduction in preterm births with Centering, the state this year began to pay \$150 to the health care provider and \$50 to the managed care organization for every Medicaid patient who attends five meetings of a Centering Pregnancy group."

http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/12/18/for-mothers-to-be-finding-health-care-in-a-group/?hp&rref=opinion&_r=0

2) In healthcare experiment, patients pay more for 'bad' medicine

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/19/us-usa-healthcare-insurance-idUSBRE9BI04X20131219>

3) Growth in U.S. Health Care Spending Slows

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/19/us/growth-in-us-health-care-spending-slows-but-out-of-pocket-costs-rise.html>

4) Sanford, Templeton favor splitting DHEC into separate agencies

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131218/PC16/131219415/1006/>

5) Health Insurers Extend Deadline for First Premiums

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/19/business/health-insurers-extend-deadline-for-first-premiums.html?emc=edit_tnt_20131218&tntemail0=y&_r=0

6) Delaney says Maryland still should weigh switching to federal health exchange

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/delaney-says-maryland-still-should-weigh-switching-to-federal-health-exchange/2013/12/18/dd669c6e-6831-11e3-ae56-22de072140a2_story.html

7) More Turmoil in State Health Exchanges

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304773104579266750535939862?KEYWORDS=health+overhaul>

8) Michelle Obama steps into health care spotlight

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/12/michelle-obama-obamacare-101305.html?ml=tb>

9) Sanford, Templeton favor splitting DHEC into separate agencies

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131218/PC16/131219415/1006/>

10) A quarter of head and neck surgeons think Obamacare has death panels

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/12/19/a-quarter-of-head-and-neck-surgeons-think-obamacare-has-death-panels/>

11) Cannon Memorial to join AnMed Health

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312190014>

12) Guidelines on Blood Pressure Eased

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304773104579266180083083534>

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