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- 1) **"Of the 119,784 individuals in South Carolina who applied and selected a policy on the federal exchange, 85,453 - about 71 percent - paid their first month's premium by April 30, Farmer said. That was the last possible day to make that first payment. Those who didn't pay by that date aren't actually insured, he said."**
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140506/PC16/140509613/sc-insurance-director-residents-enrolled-through-obamacare-lower-than-federal-estimate>
 - 2) **"Most of the people choosing health plans under the Affordable Care Act — about 80 percent — are paying their initial premiums as required for coverage to take effect, several large insurers said Tuesday on the eve of a House hearing about the law. But the health insurance industry said the total of eight million people who signed up included 'many duplicate enrollments' for consumers who tried to enroll more than once because of problems on the website."**
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/07/us/politics/insurers-say-most-who-signed-up-under-health-law-have-paid-up.html?emc=edit_tnt_20140507&nid=58462464&tntemail0=y&_r=0
 - 3) **People are more willing to gamble with their health than their retirement, a new study found**
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2014/05/07/workers-would-rather-save-up-for-retirement-than-pay-for-health-care/>
 - 4) **"A few states are trying to alleviate their oral health care shortages by allowing the licensing of dental therapists — a fairly new class of dental care providers, essentially dentistry's version of physicians' assistants. They face strong resistance from dentists."**
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/05/06/dental-therapists-oral-health-disparities/7422773/>
 - 5) **"Indiana's Medicaid program no longer will pay for early, elective childbirths beginning July 1 as part of the state's effort to reduce its infant mortality rate, the Family and Social Services Administration announced Monday."**
<http://www.heraldbulletin.com/breakingnews/x1535591647/Indiana-Medicaid-stops-funding-some-early-births>
 - 6) **Employers Eye Moving Sickest Workers To Insurance Exchanges**
<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2014/May/07/shifting-employees-to-exchanges.aspx>
 - 7) **Chemo Costs In U.S. Driven Higher By Shift To Hospital Outpatient Facilities**
<http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/index.php/2014/05/chemo-costs-in-u-s-driven-higher-by-shift-to-hospital-outpatient-facilities/>
 - 8) **SEIU, California Hospitals Will Create \$100 Million State Medicaid Fund**
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303417104579546371592128340?KEYWORDS=medicare&mg=reno64-wsj>
 - 9) **Federal audit faults NY Medicaid claim rate**
<http://online.wsj.com/article/AP5809f86a59224056b7d75e2f0f1131c2.html?KEYWORDS=medicaid>
 - 10) **Can Wikipedia Ever Be a Definitive Medical Text?**
<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2014/05/can-wikipedia-ever-be-a-definitive-medical-text/361822/>
 - 11) **Early Fitness Can Improve the Middle-Age Brain**
<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/05/07/a-fit-body-at-25-a-fit-brain-at-50/#>
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