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- 1) **View SCDHHS Director Tony Keck's presentation to a Senate Finance subcommittee on Wednesday**  
<https://www.scdhhs.gov/sites/default/files/SenateFinanceHealthandHumanServicesSubcommitteeSCDHHSBudgetPresentation12413.pdf>
- 2) **"South Carolina's Medicaid director said Wednesday his agency is on track to spend about \$250 million less this fiscal year than allotted in the state budget...But he cautioned that the federal health care law makes estimates uncertain. 'It's going to be a tumultuous year in projecting people in the program,'" Keck said.**  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?full=true&contentguid=LeFrAtWA&detailindex=#display](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?full=true&contentguid=LeFrAtWA&detailindex=#display)
- 3) **SC Democrat files bill to 'lessen the burden' of Obamacare**  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/04/3139284/sc-democrat-files-bill-to-lessen.html#>
- 4) **"On the whole, I can tell you there are certain aspects of Obamacare which give me trepidation, and I can't tell you everything that's in it, because I'm not certain anyone can, outside of Kathleen Sebelius or someone at HHS," Sellers said. "But I think the medical device tax is a burden, and if we do something like this, it can give us an economic edge."**  
<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/12/04/in-south-carolina-democrat-keeps-obamacare-at-arms-length/>
- 5) **Health detectives use house calls, 'hotspotting' to cut costs**  
<http://www.healthpolicysolutions.org/2013/12/04/health-detectives-use-house-calls-hotspotting-to-cut-costs/>
- 6) **Study: States that reject Medicaid expansion lose money**  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/12/05/rejecting-medicaid-costs-states-more/3871811/>
- 7) **Delay Medicaid DSH cuts, hospitals ask lawmakers**  
<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20131203/NEWS/312039975/reform-update-delay-medicaid-dsh-cuts-hospitals-ask-lawmakers>
- 8) **Louisiana rule targets docs steering patients into certain managed-care plans**  
<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20131204/NEWS/312049951/-la-rule-targets-docs-steering-patients-into-certain-managed-care>
- 9) **HealthCare.gov is having trouble signing people up for Medicaid**  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/12/04/healthcare-gov-is-having-trouble-signing-people-up-for-medicaid/>
- 10) **HealthCare.gov Now Allows Window Shopping, And a Do-Over**  
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/12/05/248856640/healthcare-gov-now-allows-window-shopping-and-a-do-over>
- 11) **"If a short-term patch doesn't pass before Congress leaves town, which is expected late next week, the 20.1 percent cut scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1 would most likely have to be patched retroactively when Congress returns in January."**  
<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/12/medicare-patients-hospitals-doctors-health-care-sustainable-growth-rate-100691.html>
- 12) **"USA TODAY analysis shows metal level assigned to insurance plans on exchange website are often meaningless when it comes to price."**  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/12/04/health-insurance-exchange-health-level-plan-price-overlap/3782693/>
- 13) **Should Developmentally Disabled Be In Medicaid Managed Care? Should Developmentally Disabled Be In Medicaid Managed Care? Should Developmentally Disabled Be In Medicaid Managed Care? Should Developmentally Disabled Be In Medicaid Managed Care?**  
<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2013/December/05/Kansas-Medicaid-managed-care-developmentally-disabled.aspx>
- 14) **E-cigarettes raise concerns of teen addiction**

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/proart/20131205/news05/312050024/e-cigarettes-raise-concerns-teen-addiction?pagerestricted=1>

**15) Dementia epidemic looms with 135 million sufferers seen by 2050**

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/dementia-epidemic-loom-135-million-sufferers-seen-2050-000429599--business.html>

**16) Amsterdam Has a Deal for Alcoholics: Work Paid in Beer**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/05/world/europe/amsterdam-has-a-deal-for-alcoholics-work-paid-in-beer.html?hpw&rref=world>

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