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Subject: Today's Stories - Wednesday, May 8, 2013

1- Hospital Billing Varies Wildly, Government Data Shows

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/08/business/hospital-billing-varies-wildly-us-data-shows.html?pagewanted=1&_r=1&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20130508

2- BlueCross BlueShield opens retail store

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013305080019>

3- Missouri lawmakers torpedo Medicaid expansion

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/missouri-lawmakers-torpedo-medicaid-expansion-91040.html?hp=r13>

4- California Senate leader proposes mental health program expansions

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/political/la-me-pc-mental-health-20130507,0,4192074.story>

5- California Senate Leader Proposes Mental Health Program Expansions

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-me-clinic-er-20130506,0,5379409.story>

6- Next year heralds major changes in nation's health care

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/05/06/five-ways-your-health-care-will-change-in-the-next-year/2050379/>

7 - Health-Care Cost Slowdown Seen Saving Up to \$770 Billion

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-05-06/health-spending-slowdown-may-last-as-habits-show-change.html>

8- One hospital charges \$8,000 — another, \$38,000

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/05/08/one-hospital-charges-8000-another-38000/?hpid=z1>

“An oldie, but a goodie” - Recycled article with good insight:

9. Health Care's Blind Side: Unmet Social Needs Leading To Worse Health

In new, national survey, three in four physicians wish the health care system would pay for costs associated with connecting patients to services that address their social needs

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/newsroom-content/2011/12/health-cares-blind-side-unmet-social-needs-leading-to-worse-heal.html>

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