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Subject: today's stories

1) **Health Law's Pay Policy Is Skewed, Panel Finds**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/28/us/politics/health-laws-pay-policy-is-skewed-panel-finds.html?hpw&rref=health>

(Draft report and comments received: http://www.qualityforum.org/risk_adjustment_ses.aspx)

2) **"It's a simple question that goes unuttered throughout the American health care system. It's a taboo subject. But our failure to ask it costs us dearly, experts say. We approve drugs and devices without considering cost-effectiveness, or even having a clue about price. We don't ask for estimates and then are surprised when the nation is stuck with a \$2.7 trillion annual health care bill."**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/27/sunday-review/it-will-save-lives-but-whats-the-cost.html?](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/27/sunday-review/it-will-save-lives-but-whats-the-cost.html?rref=health&module=Ribbon&version=origin®ion=Header&action=click&contentCollection=Health&pgtype=article)

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3) **"But what if you could snap a photo of your rash, or your child's ear canal, and send it to your doctor? That's the idea behind a new breed of apps and devices that increasingly put medical tools in the hands of consumers."**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/26/your-money/health-care-apps-offer-patients-a-more-active-role.html>

4) **State exchanges going into year two, but slowly**

<http://www.marketplace.org/topics/health-care/state-exchanges-going-year-two-slowly>

5) **Study: Costly Breast Cancer Treatment More Common At For-Profit Hospitals**

<http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/index.php/2014/04/study-costly-breast-cancer-treatment-more-common-at-for-profit-hospitals/>

6) **Oregon Raises White Flag Over Its Health Exchange**

<http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/index.php/2014/04/oregon-raises-white-flag-over-its-health-exchange/>

7) **Health Plans Scramble To Calculate 2015 Rates**

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2014/April/28/2015-rate-calculations-health-insurance.aspx>

8) **Behind the scenes, much of HealthCare.gov is still under construction**

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/04/healthcaregov-obamacare-affordable-care-act-106036.html>

9) **Low T Business Is Booming, Despite Questions About Risks**

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2014/April/28/low-t-testosterone-clinics-safety-costs.aspx>

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