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- 1) **"Haley was equally impressed with the personal connections between patient and staff that may not be as pronounced in the urban hospital environment. 'What we've seen here is that some things money can't pay for,' she said."**  
<http://www.kingstreenews.com/article/20140414/KTN/140419917/1123>
- 2) **"When America's joint surgeons were challenged to come up with a list of unnecessary procedures in their field, their selections shared one thing: none significantly impacted their incomes."**  
<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2014/April/14/doctors-overlook-own-lucrative-procedures-when-naming-others-unwise.aspx>
- 3) **Budget Office Lowers Estimate for the Cost of Expanding Health Coverage**  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/15/us/politics/budget-office-lowers-estimate-for-cost-of-expanding-health-coverage.html?action=click&module=Search&region=searchResults&mabReward=cseSort%3As&url=http%3A%2F%2Fquery.nytimes.com%2Fsearch%2FsiteSearch%2F%3Faction%3Dclick%26contentCollection%3DEurope%26region%3DTopBar%26WT.nav%3DsearchWidget%26module%3DSearchSubmit%26pgtype%3Darticle%23%2Fhealth%2Blaw%2F24hours%2F&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/15/us/politics/budget-office-lowers-estimate-for-cost-of-expanding-health-coverage.html?action=click&module=Search&region=searchResults&mabReward=cseSort%3As&url=http%3A%2F%2Fquery.nytimes.com%2Fsearch%2FsiteSearch%2F%3Faction%3Dclick%26contentCollection%3DEurope%26region%3DTopBar%26WT.nav%3DsearchWidget%26module%3DSearchSubmit%26pgtype%3Darticle%23%2Fhealth%2Blaw%2F24hours%2F&_r=0)
- 4) **Report: Average of 6 million in Obamacare marketplaces in 2014**  
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/report-average-of-6-million-in-obamacare-marketplaces-in-2014/>
- 5) **Data may help curb health care cost**  
<http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2014/04/13/data-may-help-curb-health-care-cost/7687195/>
- 6) **"The Census Bureau, the authoritative source of health insurance data for more than three decades, is changing its annual survey so thoroughly that it will be difficult to measure the effects of President Obama's health care law in the next report, due this fall, census officials said."**  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/16/us/politics/census-survey-revisions-mask-health-law-effects.html?ref=healthcarereform>
- 7) **Little-Known Legal Challenge That Could Torpedo Obamacare**  
<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2014/04/little-known-legal-challenge-that-could-torpedo-obamacare/>
- 8) **Sylvia Mathews Burwell: Do's and don'ts**  
<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/04/sylvia-mathews-burwell-health-and-human-services-105689.html?hp=f2>
- 9) **Focus On Marketplace Enrollment Overlooks Millions Who Bought Private Insurance**  
<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2014/April/15/private-insurance-market-booming.aspx>
- 10) **Executive Who Led Wal-Mart Expansion Into Health Care Steps Down**  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303887804579501512716034866?KEYWORDS=medicare&mg=reno64-wsj>
- 11) **U.S. healthcare usage and spending resumes rise in 2013 —report**  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/15/health-spending-rise-idUSL2N0N60WN20140415>
- 12) **"The cutoff had been 28 for men and 27 for women, so suddenly about 29 million Americans who had been considered normal became overweight even though they hadn't gained an ounce."**  
[http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/04/14/a-number-that-may-not-add-up/?module=BlogPost-Title&version=Blog Main&contentCollection=Personal Health&action=Click&pgtype=Blogs&region=Body#](http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/04/14/a-number-that-may-not-add-up/?module=BlogPost-Title&version=Blog%20Main&contentCollection=Personal%20Health&action=Click&pgtype=Blogs&region=Body#)
- 13) **Prices Soaring for Specialty Drugs, Researchers Find**  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/15/business/prices-soaring-for-specialty-drugs-researchers-find.html?hpw&rref=business&action=click&module=Search&region=searchResults&mabReward=cseSort%3As&url=http%3A%2F%2Fquery.nytimes.com%2Fsearch%2FsiteSearch%2F%3Faction%3Dclick%26contentCollection%3DEurope%26region%3DTopBar%26WT.nav%3DsearchWidget%26module%3DSearchSubmit%26pgtype%3Darticle%23%2Fhealth%2Blaw%2F24hours%2F>
- 14) **"New York and federal officials report final agreement allowing the state to reinvest \$8 billion in Medicaid savings to support hospital overhauls and expand primary medical care over the next five years".**  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/AP680e992e8d354d73ac04362e80355e38.html?KEYWORDS=medicaid>
- 15) **The science of 'hangry' — how low blood sugar makes you a monster**

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