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**Subject:** Today's Stories

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### **1-SC to stop paying for early elective deliveries**

"The agreement is part of a larger effort to reduce South Carolina's preterm birth rate 8 percent by 2014"

<http://www.wistv.com/story/20135835/haley-other-officials-discussing-infant-mortality>

### **2-SCDHHS to hold second public ACA meeting**

(meeting details at bottom of this e-mail)

### **3- More on SC community's 'health coaches' initiative**

"A system that is going to drive proactive managing chronic diseases and focused on creating health, not just one treating disease. That is what we are really about"

<http://www.wistv.com/story/20099325/42-million-health-initiative-rolled-out-in-haskell-heights#.UKpxCS2zOvM>.  
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### **4-Sen. DeMint applauds Haley exchange decision**

[http://www.demint.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord\\_id=102b603e-c65a-465b-a632-7f6024cea0c0](http://www.demint.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=102b603e-c65a-465b-a632-7f6024cea0c0)

### **5-States declare initial ACA exchange intentions for last Friday's 'deadline'**

"As of Friday, 23 states plus Washington, D.C., were proceeding; 15 said they'd defer to the federal government to run their markets and 12 were still mulling over their options"

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/health\\_care/states-deciding-if-theyll-help-carry-out-a-key-component-of-obamas-health-care-overhaul/2012/11/16/2997ac24-2fce-11e2-af17-67abba0676e2\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/health_care/states-deciding-if-theyll-help-carry-out-a-key-component-of-obamas-health-care-overhaul/2012/11/16/2997ac24-2fce-11e2-af17-67abba0676e2_story.html)

### **6-... as each state considers what is in its best interest**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/grudging-acceptance-of-obamacare-spreads-as-gop-led-states-confront-implementation-choices/2012/11/15/3f130dea-2f52-11e2-af17-67abba0676e2\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/grudging-acceptance-of-obamacare-spreads-as-gop-led-states-confront-implementation-choices/2012/11/15/3f130dea-2f52-11e2-af17-67abba0676e2_story.html)

### **7-... and US HHS sends states info on exchanges' extended deadlines**

<http://www.healthcare.gov/law/resources/letters/exchange-declaration-deadline.pdf>

### **8-... exchange delayed deadline welcome news for some**

[http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/republican-governors-happy-with-sebelius-decision-20121115?mrefid=site\\_search](http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/republican-governors-happy-with-sebelius-decision-20121115?mrefid=site_search)

### **9-USA Today: ACA resistance is futile**

"But some politicians, like Japanese soldiers who hid in the jungle for years after the end of World War II, are determined to battle on"

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/editorials/2012/11/18/health-exchanges-medicaid-expansion/1713211/>

### **10-As ACA rolls, physicians still wrestle with coverage expansion, payment reform, and that temporary PCP rate increase**

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/11/19/gvl11119.htm>

### **11-Everyone's excited about Fiscal Cliff ... negotiations**

"Top Democratic and Republican leaders left an hour long meeting with President Barack Obama expressing confidence that they can reach a deal and work toward a compromise marrying new revenue with spending cuts in the coming weeks"

<http://www.governing.com/news/politics/Fiscal-Cliff-Talks-Kick-Off-on-Optimistic-Note.html>

**12-Sequestration cuts will ensure public health, terrorist and natural disaster threats, or something**

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1112/84023.html>

**13-Dem leaders take tougher stance regarding entitlement cuts as part of spending agreement**

“We’re going to send a loud message to the leadership in the House, in the Senate, and President Obama: ‘Do not cut Social Security, do not cut Medicare, do not cut Medicaid,’”

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/democrats-are-stiffening-spine-against-trimming-swelling-medicare-social-security-programs/2012/11/17/7948d3aa-30bf-11e2-af17-67abba0676e2\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/democrats-are-stiffening-spine-against-trimming-swelling-medicare-social-security-programs/2012/11/17/7948d3aa-30bf-11e2-af17-67abba0676e2_story.html)

**14-Cuts to Medicaid would be cuts to nation’s elderly, most vulnerable**

“Medicaid is in the budget bull’s eye. But many lawmakers aiming to cut the program have no idea what it does, and how important it is to frail seniors who need help with daily living”

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/howardgleckman/2012/11/19/medicaid-the-frail-elderly-and-federal-budget-cuts/>

**15-Hospitals: Protect our payments in any deficit-reduction deal**

“The letter cited a recent study that projects as many as 766,000 job losses as a result of Medicare sequestration”

<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/medicare/268295-hospitals-protect-our-payments-in-deficit-deal>

**16-In honor of new movie, Medicare premiums going up one Lincoln in 2013**

“It’s less than expected, but still enough to eat up about one-fourth of a typical retiree’s cost-of-living raise next year. And by the way, that new movie is great”

<http://www.freep.com/article/20121118/NEWS07/311180214/Medicare-beneficiaries-to-pay-more-for-care?odyssey=mod%7Cnewswell%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE%7Cp>

**17-Connecticut’s early Medicaid expansion contributing to state budget shortfall**

“In two years, Medicaid enrollment by low-income adults has grown from fewer than 50,000 to more than 83,000, greatly outpacing the state’s expectations”

<http://www.courant.com/business/connecticut-insurance/hc-medicaid-deficit-connecticut-20121119,0,282532.story>

**18-Winners, losers in Georgia hospital bed tax**

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/bed-tax-a-windfall-for-some-hospitals-a-big-loser-/nS9hH/>

**19-Feds: New Jersey owes \$50 million in improper Medicaid hospital payments**

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Feds-NJ-should-refund-50M-in-Medicaid-payments-4049081.php>

**20-Medicaid, private insurance give same access to care**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2012/11/19/study-medicaid-private-insurance-give-same-access-to-health-care/>

... heads are gonna roll ...

**Major CIA leak reveals Kost’s muscle secret**

<http://www.foxnews.com/science/2012/11/19/artificial-muscles-built-from-carbon-yarn/>

... still, we can all take solace in this ...

**Twinkies will survive**

<http://www.wltx.com/news/watercooler/article/209367/363/Stop-Freaking-Out-Twinkies-Likely-to-Live-On->

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**SCDHHS to hold second public ACA meeting**

Monday, December 3 at 1 p.m., the SC Department of Health and Human Services will hold a second public meeting to consider implications related to the health care reform bill, the Affordable Care Act (ACA.) This is a follow-up meeting to the July 24 meeting held at the Department of Juvenile Justice, in Columbia. The December 3 meeting will

be at the Richland County Public Library (Lucy Hampton Bostick Auditorium), 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia. The purpose of this meeting is to further analyze ACA projections and considerations. The public is invited to attend. A map of available library parking is attached (parking is available in the dark-shaded areas.) Additional parking is available in one of the nearby public parking garages, or at meters on the street.

Please RSVP to Jenny Lynch: [lynchjen@scdhhs.gov](mailto:lynchjen@scdhhs.gov)

Please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

**Date:**

Monday, December 3, 2012

**Location:**

Richland County Public Library  
Lucy Hampton Bostick Auditorium

**Time:**

1:00-3:00

**Address:**

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