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- 1) **“According to new federal data released Thursday, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program enrollment increased in South Carolina by about 100,000 people - a 12.4 percent jump - between July 2013 and October 2014. Total enrollment in these programs now approaches 890,000 residents in the Palmetto State.”**  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141218/PC16/141219443/despite-non-expansion-stance-medicare-in-south-carolina-keeps-growing>
- 2) **“And there's another reason everyone knows this place: Thousands of people around St. Joseph have been sued by the hospital and had their wages seized to pay for medical bills. Some of them, given their income, could have qualified to get their bill forgiven entirely — but the hospital seized their wages anyway.”**  
[http://www.npr.org/2014/12/19/371202059/when-a-hospital-bill-becomes-a-decade-long-pay-cut?utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=health&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_term=nprnews](http://www.npr.org/2014/12/19/371202059/when-a-hospital-bill-becomes-a-decade-long-pay-cut?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=health&utm_medium=social&utm_term=nprnews)
- 3) **Medicare to Cut Payments to Some Doctors, Hospitals**  
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/medicare-to-cut-payments-to-some-1418955589>
- 4) **Opinion: Morbid obesity is a disability. Employers should start treating it that way.**  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/12/18/obesity-is-a-disability-employers-should-start-treating-it-that-way/?tid=HP\\_posteverything](http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/12/18/obesity-is-a-disability-employers-should-start-treating-it-that-way/?tid=HP_posteverything)
- 5) **Md. calls revamped health care exchange a success**  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-calls-revamped-health-care-exchange-a-success/2014/12/19/953b7450-8757-11e4-abcf-5a3d7b3b20b8\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-calls-revamped-health-care-exchange-a-success/2014/12/19/953b7450-8757-11e4-abcf-5a3d7b3b20b8_story.html)
- 6) **(Alabama) Governor Bentley says he's exploring Medicaid expansion**  
<http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20141218/news/141219641>
- 7) **“Members of the Wyoming legislature will debate a measure to expand Medicaid during next year's session — but it won't be the proposal laid out by Gov. Matt Mead (R).”**  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/12/18/wyoming-lawmakers-endorse-indiana-style-medicare-expansion/>
- 8) **As Health Insurance Evolves, Traditional Brokers Claim They Still Have a Role**  
<http://boss.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/12/18/as-health-insurance-evolves-traditional-brokers-claim-they-still-have-a-role/>
- 9) **How the High Cost of Medical Care Is Affecting Americans**  
[http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/12/18/health/cost-of-health-care-poll.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/12/18/health/cost-of-health-care-poll.html?_r=0)
- 10) **Doctors In Massachusetts Now Required To Offer End-Of-Life Counseling**  
<http://commonhealth.wbur.org/2014/12/massachusetts-end-of-life-counseling>
- 11) **The Cold Medicine Racket**  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2014/12/dayquil-screed/383768/>
- 12) **The less weight a woman gains during pregnancy, the less likely she is to have a boy, an analysis of data on more than 68 million births over 23 years has found.**  
<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/12/18/weight-gain-during-pregnancy-is-especially-good-for-boys/?rref=health&module=Banner&version=context&region=Header&action=click&contentCollection=Health&pgtype=Multimedia>
- 13) **Bill Gates: Good News You May Have Missed in 2014**  
<http://www.gatesnotes.com/About-Bill-Gates/Year-in-Review-2014>

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