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**1. Security concerns jeopardize October opening of health insurance marketplaces**

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/07/2906339/october-opening-of-insurance-marketplaces.html>

**2. Working out the Obama health law details**

<http://www.ajc.com/weblogs/jamie-dupree/2013/aug/07/working-out-obama-health-law-details/>

**3. Small businesses consider cutting family insurance coverage when health care law takes effect**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/small-businesses-consider-cutting-family-insurance-coverage-when-health-care-law-takes-effect/2013/08/07/a3b9bc84-ffa0-11e2-8294-0ee5075b840d\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/small-businesses-consider-cutting-family-insurance-coverage-when-health-care-law-takes-effect/2013/08/07/a3b9bc84-ffa0-11e2-8294-0ee5075b840d_story.html)

**4. Latinos are focus of grass-roots outreach on Affordable Care Act**

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-latino-outreach-20130808,0,3817246.story>

**5. The Cost of a Smoker: \$5,816**

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/08/07/the-cost-of-a-smoker-5816/?ref=health>

**6. Confounding a Smoking Ban, and Bouncers**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/08/fashion/smoking-is-back-without-the-stigma.html?ref=health&\\_r=1&gwh=A83F65C7863ED0B8E9D63199E038A857&](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/08/fashion/smoking-is-back-without-the-stigma.html?ref=health&_r=1&gwh=A83F65C7863ED0B8E9D63199E038A857&)

**7. Blacks hospitalized for heart failure more often**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/07/us-blacks-hospitalized-idUSBRE9760TF20130807>

**8. Maryland opens call center to provide information about health care**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/maryland-opens-call-center-to-provide-information-about-health-care/2013/08/07/ac4e6a9c-ff9c-11e2-8294-0ee5075b840d\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/maryland-opens-call-center-to-provide-information-about-health-care/2013/08/07/ac4e6a9c-ff9c-11e2-8294-0ee5075b840d_story.html)

**9. The Economics of the Affordable Care Act**

[http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/08/07/the-economics-of-the-affordable-care-act/?\\_r=0](http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/08/07/the-economics-of-the-affordable-care-act/?_r=0)

**10. The health spending mystery**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/robert-samuelson-the-health-spending-mystery/2013/08/07/53f036a2-ff77-11e2-96a8-d3b921c0924a\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/robert-samuelson-the-health-spending-mystery/2013/08/07/53f036a2-ff77-11e2-96a8-d3b921c0924a_story.html)

**11. Payer Agnosticism**

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1303174?query=TOC>

**12. Health care overhaul, competition push drugstores to stretch well beyond filling prescriptions**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/health-care-overhaul-competition-push-drugstores-to-stretch-well-beyond-filling-prescriptions/2013/08/07/806b2fa2-ff81-11e2-8294-0ee5075b840d\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/health-care-overhaul-competition-push-drugstores-to-stretch-well-beyond-filling-prescriptions/2013/08/07/806b2fa2-ff81-11e2-8294-0ee5075b840d_story.html)

**13. Will Medicare Fixes Lead to Hospital Mergers?**

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-08-07/will-medicare-fixes-lead-to-hospital-mergers-.html>

**14. Health Insurers Tune In To Twitter For Customer Service**

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2013/August/08/health-insurers-take-to-twitter-for-customer-service.aspx>

**15. For Obamacare, Some Hurdles Still Ahead**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/08/business/economy/for-obamacare-some-hurdles-still-ahead.html?ref=politics>

**16. Obamacare Security Testing Lags Behind, How Safe is Your Data?**

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/personal-finance/2013/08/07/obamacare-data-security-testing-behind/>

**17. Rx to Avoid Health-Law Fines**

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323838204578654152046151798.html?KEYWORDS=medicare>

**18. Doctors tepid about cost containment**

<http://www.healthcarefinancenews.com/news/doctors-unenthusiastic-about-cost-containment-strategies-associated-payment>

**19. White House floats health care fix for Congress**

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/08/07/health-care-fix/2629717/>

**20. Higher Costs Seen for Some in Congress on Health Plans**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/08/us/politics/higher-costs-seen-for-some-in-congress-on-health-plans.html?ref=politics&\\_r=0&gwh=19029F6FA7D053D5C8DFC3CBAE7F26D3](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/08/us/politics/higher-costs-seen-for-some-in-congress-on-health-plans.html?ref=politics&_r=0&gwh=19029F6FA7D053D5C8DFC3CBAE7F26D3)

**21. Feds clarify Hill health coverage under Obamacare**

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/08/feds-clarify-hill-health-coverage-under-aca-95287.html?hp=l10>

**22. Members Only**

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324522504578654193173779414.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_LEADTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324522504578654193173779414.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop)

**23. Medicaid-Funded Nursing Home Residents are Getting Younger**

<http://seniorhousingnews.com/2013/08/07/medicaid-funded-nursing-home-residents-are-getting-younger/>

**24. Dementia-friendly communities can improve care and save money**

<http://www.theguardian.com/healthcare-network/2013/aug/08/dementia-friendly-communities>

**25. SGR Fix Closer to Reality**

<http://www.thevoiceofhealthcare.blogspot.com/2013/08/sgr-fix-closer-to-reality.html?m=1>

**26. Breaking News: US House Committee Votes to Repeal SGR**

<https://www.scmmedical.org/newsroom/article/breaking-news-us-house-committee-votes-to-repeal-sgr>

**27. DHHS to expand office examining programs for fraud**

<http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/08/07/3090903/dhhs-to-expand-office-examining.html>

**28. WellCare 2Q profit edged up, boosts 2013 forecast**

[http://finance.yahoo.com/news/wellcare-2q-profit-edged-boosts-142302737.html;\\_ylt=A2KJ2UYKkANS0zkAzi7QtDMD](http://finance.yahoo.com/news/wellcare-2q-profit-edged-boosts-142302737.html;_ylt=A2KJ2UYKkANS0zkAzi7QtDMD)

**29. Eyebrow waxing and cafe lattes at the drugstore?**

<http://www.boston.com/business/healthcare/2013/08/07/eyebrow-waxing-and-cafe-lattes-the-drugstore/xEqxGoWjfyDdtBtCFglI0J/story.html>

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