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Subject: Today's stories

- 1) **South Carolina shows slight improvement in America's Health Rankings, but still falls near bottom**
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131211/PC1610/131219912/1177/south-carolina-shows-slight-improvement-in-americas-health-rankings-but-still-falls-near-bottom>
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/11/3151843/south-carolina-moves-up-a-notch.html>
- 2) **"The number of South Carolinians who were able to complete an application and enroll in a health insurance plan through the federal government's health insurance marketplace soared in November compared to October, new data released Wednesday shows."**
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131211/PC16/131219911/1177/health-insurance-enrollment-up-in-south-carolina-on-federal-marketplace>
- 3) **Column: "As Milton Friedman warned, 'There's no such thing as a free lunch.' There's no such thing as a free heart transplant either. So there's no reason to brand Tony Keck a health-policy heretic for stating the obvious."**
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131210/PC16/131219999/1005/for-whom-do-the-medical-costs-toll>
- 4) **SC delegation embraces wide range of health coverage choices**
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/10/3152040/sc-delegation-embraces-wide-range.html>
- 5) **"A Democratic senator has pre-filed legislation to restore funding for a program vetoed by Gov. Nikki Haley that issues certificates of need for the creation or addition of hospitals or other health facilities in the state."**
<http://m.greenvilleonline.com/news/article?a=2013312110032&f=2540>
- 6) **BlueCross establishes retail presence in Harbison area**
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/10/3151942/bluecross-establishes-retail-presence.html>
- 7) **Palmetto Health ready to start hiring for Parkridge facility**
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/10/3151310/palmetto-health-ready-to-start.html>
- 8) **State releases shock hospital-pricing data, calls for action**
<http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/albany/2013/12/8537154/state-releases-shock-hospital-pricing-data-calls-action>
- 9) **"President Barack Obama's top health official is asking for an investigation into the administration's botched rollout of HealthCare.gov."**
http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2013/12/11/sebelius_asks_for_investigation_of_flawed_website_120917.html
- 10) **Since October, 1.2 million have gained Obamacare coverage**
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/12/11/since-october-1-2-million-have-gained-obamacare-coverage/>
- 11) **As HealthCare.gov Rebounds, New Glitches Hit Medicaid Enrollments**
<http://www.propublica.org/article/as-healthcare.gov-rebounds-new-glitches-hit-medicare-enrollments>
- 12) **"Half of the people who met Cover Oregon's deadline to apply for health care coverage that started Jan. 1 could be without insurance in the new year."**
http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20131210/UPDATE/131210030/30-000-Cover-Oregon-applicants-may-not-coverage-Jan-1?gcheck=1&ncklick_check=1
- 13) **Half of Uninsured Say Health Law is Bad Idea**
<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2013/12/11/half-of-uninsured-say-health-law-is-bad-idea/>
- 14) **Diabetes Data Beamed to Your Phone**
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303560204579250252273826062>

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