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Your love for the Keystone State doesn't go unnoted.

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1-Computing the value of health care in poverty assessments (wow that sounded bureaucratic – highbrow, but bureaucratic)

“the government spends almost \$8,000 on the average Medicaid beneficiary and more than \$12,000 for each person on Medicare. Why shouldn't that count as income?”

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/03/business/debating-real-value-of-health-benefits-in-poverty-calculations.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0

2-Welfare reform points the way for Medicaid reform

“Like Medicaid, federal funding for AFDC previously was based on a matching formula, with the federal government giving more to each state the more it spent on the program, effectively paying the states to spend more”

<http://blog.heartland.org/2012/10/obamas-medicaid-plan-exposes-him-as-an-enemy-of-the-poor/>

3-Article falls to the myth that all spending reductions are bad for the system; misses the point that savings can come through efficiencies that actually improve the system

<http://galesburgplanet.com/posts/19043>

4-Health overhaul to pour billions into insurance industry

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/report-overhaul-offers-multibillion-dollar-growth-opportunity-for-health-insurers/2012/10/02/80e85b04-0c92-11e2-97a7-45c05ef136b2_story.html

5-Point: The folly of fun, free federal funding, forgetting the future and fearlessly facing a fiscal fracas

“Washington has rung up a \$16 trillion debt and is running more than \$1 trillion in the red annually, even without any of the costs associated with the health-care law”

http://www.kjonline.com/opinion/supreme-court-lets-states-opt-out-of-medicaid-expansion_-they-should_2012-10-06.html

6-Counterpoint: Governors got great gumption or ghastly gall going 'gainst government's giveaway?

“If ever there was a free lunch, this has got to be it”

<http://www.policymic.com/articles/16003/rick-scott-of-florida-and-bobby-jindal-of-louisiana-wrongly-opt-out-of-medicaid-expansion>

7-States to feds: Any options on partial Medicaid expansion?

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/10/01/gvsa1001.htm>

8-Feds to states: Expand Medicaid, or lose funds

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/02/us/us-advises-states-to-expand-medicaid-or-risk-losing-funds.html?_r=0

9-Medicaid expansion: Echoes in the pipeline

"Medical schools are producing one primary care doctor for every two needed"

<http://jacksonville.com/business/columnists/2012-10-03/story/doctors-are-leaving-medicaid-medicare>

10-Medicaid expansion: Cobwebs in the pipeline

"After the Medicaid expansion through the Affordable Care Act, will doctors continue to accept Medicaid patients? How are these newly insured people going to get coverage?"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbvUiy-6mgg>

11-South Dakota docs worried about Medicaid

"people constantly need to be reminded that there is a cost to taking care of people and doctors can't always take care of Medicaid patients at a deficit"

<http://www.aberdeennews.com/news/aan-medicaid-top-issue-for-sd-doctors-20121002,0,5369350.story>

12-Mississippi: Budget leads leaders to say no to ACA Medicaid expansion

http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20121007/OPINION/310070022/Election-will-determine-much-about-state-s-Medicaid-expansion?odyssey=mod%7Cnewswell%7Ctext%7COpinion%7Cp&nclick_check=1

13-Florida Medicaid managed care issue tied up with expansion?

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/3b8461202b18464f95dae07835b7db29/FL--Florida-Medicaid-Expansion>

14-New Jersey governor says Medicaid is pretty big as it is, before any expansion plans

<http://www.wnyc.org/articles/new-jersey-news/2012/oct/08/many-things-consider-christie-weighs-new-medicaid-math/>

15-16,000 signatures ask Texas governor to expand Medicaid

<http://warisacrime.org/content/tx-gov-rick-perry-pressured-expand-medicaid>

16-Maine wants to reduce current Medicaid eligibility

<http://www.pewstates.org/projects/stateline/headlines/maine-seeks-to-cut-medicaid-eligibility-85899421032>

17-Georgia's Medicaid hospital tax debate heating up

<http://gantdaily.com/2012/10/03/grover-norquist-prods-georgia-legislators-to-drop-hospital-tax-used-to-raise-funds-for-medicaid/>

18-Wisconsin Medicaid debt lower than expected

http://badgerherald.com/news/2012/10/01/wisconsin_medicaid_d.php

19-Pennsylvania should not expand Medicaid

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.org/policyblog/detail/medicaid-expansion-bad-deal-for-patients>

20-Higher income Medicaid children with Autism, disabilities to pay premiums in Pennsylvania

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Pa-shelves-Medicaid-copays-for-disabled-kids-3922381.php>

21-Pennsylvania integrated care pilot for mental illnesses reduces costs, unnecessary ER use

<http://gantdaily.com/2012/10/02/medicaid-pilot-program-demonstrates-decrease-in-emergency-department-visits-and-hospitalizations-for-patients-with-serious-mental-illness/>

... I'm lovin' the Keystone State today apparently ...

22-Utah Medicaid to cover autism treatments

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865563704/Program-aims-to-help-kids-receive-autism-treatment.html>

23-Reinventing Medicaid in Alabama

<http://www.wntradio.com/news/news.php/displayType/article/11235/2012/10/joint-legislative-committee-works-toward-medicaid-reinvention->

24-Docs cast wary eye toward Arkansas Medicaid payment reform

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/PublicHealthPolicy/Medicaid/35176>

25-... while Arkansas hospitals earn quality awards for reducing unnecessary pre-term births

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2012/oct/05/25-hospitals-awarded-medicaid-program/>

26-Proposed amendment in Louisiana would protect Medicaid trust fund

http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20121007/NEWS01/210070328/Medicaid-fund-gun-rights-top-list-9-amendments-Nov-6?nclick_check=1

27-South Carolina Medicaid enrolling more eligible children through Express Lane Eligibility

Advocate: "This is wonderful!"

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/65-000-SC-children-to-be-enrolled-in-Medicaid-3919381.php>

28-South Carolina says state would welcome Medicaid block grants' flexibility, accountability

Advocate: "It would be the worst thing that could happen to our state"

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/10/02/2465165/sc-has-6-billion-a-year-at-stake.html>

29-WellCare goes statewide in Kentucky Medicaid

<http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2012/10/05/kentucky-taps-wellcare-for-medicaid.html>

30-Humana selected for Kentucky managed care, too

<http://www.lanereport.com/12291/2012/10/humana-selected-to-manage-medicaid-coverage-in-16-county-louisville-region/>

31-Arizona asks feds to continue Medicaid childless adults program

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Ariz-seeks-Medicaid-coverage-extension-3908686.php>

32-Arizona tabs state employee plan for EHB

<http://www.governing.com/news/state/gov-arizona-tabs-state-employee-plan-for-essential-health-benefits.html>

33-Feds award \$3 million to PR firm charged with promoting federal health exchange

<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/health-reform-implementation/260359-report-hhs-signs-3-million-pr-contract-to-promote-federal-exchange>

34-... but will it be ready?

"I'm wondering how the government is going to be building 35 exchanges in 35 states to be ready on Oct. 1. And they're not telling us how they're going to be ready"

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2012/October/05/insurance-industry-health-law-exchanges.aspx>

35-SCMA members bridge together social media and medicine

<https://www.scmedical.org/newsroom/article/scma-members-help-bridge-together-social-media-and-medicine>

36-Mayo's Social Media prowess

"One thing led to another and now Mayo has 400,000 Twitter followers, 100,000 Facebook fans, a host of blogs, and a YouTube channel with more than 2,000 videos and 7 million views"

http://www.healthdatamanagement.com/issues/20_10/mayo-clinic-health-care-social-media-45028-1.html

37-SC Medicaid first in nation to boast 'Autumn Tree' at Medicaid headquarters

(see attached picture)

Note: the tree was paid for with private funds, and no animals were harmed or re-located during its construction

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