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- 1) **SCDHHS press release: South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services launches FQHC update to transparency website**
<https://www.scdhhs.gov/press-release/south-carolina-department-health-and-human-services-launches-fqhc-update-transparency>
- 2) **“The state agency, which compiled hospital financial data in an easy-to-find format last year, now has done the same with information from the state’s 17 federally qualified health centers. It’s all available at [shealthdata.org](http://www.healthdata.org). The update ‘is another step in the ongoing conversation about how we deliver and pay for care in South Carolina and across the country,’ said Tony Keck, director of the state agency.”**
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/07/3433230/sc-agency-makes-health-center.html?sp=/99/117/1074/#storylink=cpy>
- 3) **“While the fate of two proposed Berkeley County hospitals remains stalled in a legal battle, Roper St. Francis Healthcare announced Wednesday its plan to build a 60,000-square-foot medical office building in the Carnes Crossroad area.”**
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140507/PC16/140509496/roper-st-francis-unveils-plans-for-new-berkeley-county-project>
- 4) **“The rate of hospital-acquired conditions — complications that develop during a patient's stay — dropped nine percent between 2010 and 2012, according to new data from the Department of Health and Human Services. That translates to 15,000 fewer deaths in hospitals, a \$4.1 billion savings in avoidable costs and a total of 560,000 "patient harms" avoided in 2011 and 2012, HHS says.”**
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2014/05/07/hospitals-are-cutting-down-on-their-deadly-mistakes-hhs-says/>
- 5) **Obama’s former Medicare chief on why he wants to bring single-payer to Massachusetts**
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2014/05/07/obamas-former-medicare-chief-on-why-he-wants-to-bring-single-payer-to-massachusetts/>
- 6) **“Can corporations shift workers with high medical costs from the company health plan into online insurance exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act? Some employers are considering it, say benefits consultants.”**
<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2014/May/07/shifting-employees-to-exchanges.aspx>
- 7) **Arizona Offers ‘Sneak Peak’ At Costs Of Shifting Kids Off CHIP**
<http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/index.php/2014/05/arizona-offers-sneak-peak-at-costs-of-shifting-kids-off-chip/>
- 8) **Telepsychiatry Brings Emergency Mental Health Care To Rural Areas**
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/05/07/308749287/telepsychiatry-brings-emergency-mental-health-care-to-rural-areas>
- 9) **Medications may reduce violent crime risk in those with mental illness**
<http://www.latimes.com/science/la-sci-sn-medication-violent-crime-mental-illness-20140507-story.html>
- 10) **The Silence of Doctors Around Alzheimer’s**
http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/05/08/the-silence-of-doctors-around-alzheimers/?_php=true&_type=blogs&_r=0#
- 11) **Here’s what it looks like when a sprawling, diverse nation tries to cover everybody.**
<http://www.theatlantic.com/features/archive/2014/05/the-struggle-for-universal-healthcare/361854/>
- 12) **What doctors earn when they graduate, in one chart**

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