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- 1) **“Massachusetts health officials said Monday they are scrapping the state's problem-plagued insurance exchange in favor of a private company's version used in other states, while considering connecting to the federal site as a backup.”**  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303417104579544350496443052?tesla=y&ref=/home-page>
- 2) **“The new Harvard study estimates that for every 830 people the Massachusetts insurance expansion covered, one additional life was saved. This was a 2.9 percent decrease in the mortality rate compared to similar counties that did not have insurance expansions. Is that worth the extra \$91 million that Massachusetts spends annually to continue its insurance expansion? That’s a question for policy makers to grapple with.”**  
<http://www.vox.com/2014/5/6/5684928/study-romneycare-saved-hundreds-of-lives>
- 3) **D.C. Council to vote on broad new tax on insurance to cover city’s health care exchange**  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/dc-council-to-vote-on-broad-new-tax-on-insurance-to-cover-citys-health-care-exchange/2014/05/05/0c3b7708-d452-11e3-95d3-3bcd77cd4e11\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/dc-council-to-vote-on-broad-new-tax-on-insurance-to-cover-citys-health-care-exchange/2014/05/05/0c3b7708-d452-11e3-95d3-3bcd77cd4e11_story.html)
- 4) **Health care’s \$85 billion challenge – uncompensated care in the Obamacare age**  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2014/05/05/health-cares-85-billion-challenge-uncompensated-care-in-the-obamacare-age/>
- 5) **Colorado Redraws ACA Map To Cut Sky-High Ski Town Rates**  
<http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/index.php/2014/05/colorado-redraws-aca-map-to-cut-sky-high-ski-town-rates/>
- 6) **Hospitals’ Purchase Of Doctors Leads To Higher Prices, Spending, Study Finds**  
<http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/index.php/2014/05/hospitals-purchase-of-doctors-leads-to-higher-prices-spending-study-finds/>
- 7) **Pharmacy owner serves jail time for Medicaid fraud**  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/AP7ac43e1f78f246c7a71abef66b93bd29.html?KEYWORDS=medicaid>
- 8) **Healthcare's Next Phase: Think Amazon**  
<http://www.informationweek.com/healthcare/patient-tools/healthcares-next-phase-think-amazon/d/d-id/1251010>
- 9) **Broken Obamacare State Exchanges Poll Better Than Federal**  
<http://www.themorningconsult.com/2014/04/broken-obamacare-state-exchanges-poll-better-than-federal/>
- 10) **A New Women’s Issue: Statins**  
<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/05/05/a-new-womens-issue-statins/?rref=health&module=Ribbon&version=context&region=Header&action=click&contentCollection=Health&pgtype=article#>
- 11) **Things You Cannot Unsee (And What That Says About Your Brain)**  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2014/05/10-things-you-cant-unsee-and-what-that-says-about-your-brain/361335/>

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