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- 1) **"Hundreds of diabetic patients across the state who rely on dialysis treatment for survival may be left at home this week if Medicare doesn't make quick fixes to a new pilot program it recently rolled out in South Carolina."**  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141221/PC16/141229871/medicare-launches-controversial-pilot-program-in-south-carolina-to-save-money-on-ambulance-transport>
- 2) **S.C. middle of the pack among states in protections against infectious diseases**  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/12/18/3880877/sc-middle-of-the-pack-among-states.html?sp=/99/117/1074/>  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/health/2014/12/19/report-gaps-nc-sc-disease-preparedness/20634111/>
- 3) **Top Medicaid Official to Step Down**  
  
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/top-medicare-official-to-step-down-1419032535>
- 4) **Pharmacy Deal Heralds Changed Landscape for Hepatitis Drugs**  
  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/22/business/pharmacy-deal-heralds-changed-landscape-for-hepatitis-drugs.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/22/business/pharmacy-deal-heralds-changed-landscape-for-hepatitis-drugs.html?_r=0)
- 5) **Four Best New Health Care Tools of 2014**  
  
<http://time.com/money/3603784/best-health-care-ideas-2014/>
- 6) **How Vermont's single-payer health care dream fell apart**  
  
<http://www.vox.com/2014/12/22/7427117/single-payer-vermont-shumlin>
- 7) **Military Hospital Care Is Questioned; Next, Reprisals**  
  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/21/us/military-hospital-care-is-questioned-next-reprisals.html>
- 8) **Why Does It Take A Movie Robot To Show What Nurses Really Do?**  
  
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/12/18/371678345/why-does-it-take-a-movie-robot-to-show-what-nurses-really-do>
- 9) **At Last, I Meet My Microbes**  
  
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/12/19/350636666/at-last-i-meet-my-microbes>
- 10) **What 200 Calories of Every Christmas Food Looks Like**  
  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2014/12/what-200-calories-of-every-christmas-food-looks-like/383923/>

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