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Thanks.

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> From: Bryan Kost

> Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 3:12 PM

> To: Anthony Keck

> Cc: Jan Polatty; Bryan Kost

> Subject: Weekend Roundup

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> 2016 Assumptions, HOP Governance, and NCSL -- we've made it through Week VIII, FY 2015.

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> To the Roundup ...

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- > · No OT for ATs. Overtime, extra innings, sudden death shootout – we needed none of it. We are pleased that we got the ATs current, and done ahead of schedule, no less. Beth and John say that CMS was pleased with our work, and other states were impressed. Apparently we may have been the only state that analyzed the cases upfront and put such thought into the plan – thus making the the work go quicker. This is featured in today's Weekly Review, which goes to all employees (first attachment)
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- > · Stuff We Cranked Out This Week. This week, our website contains one new front page item: The public notice regarding the increased Estate Recovery valuation disregard (<https://www.scdhhs.gov/public-notice/actions-regarding-estate-recovery-program> )
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- > · Stuff SC Healthviz Cranked Out This Week. Interactive mapping, featured data findings and visualizations are just part of Healthviz 2.0: <http://www.schealthviz.sc.edu/>
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- > · BTW, ICYMI, & FYI: IFS' MPR URL. <http://ifs.sc.edu/MPR/default.asp>
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- > · More Provider Links. Always interesting to see what our provider/broker partners have out there. For example:
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- > o MUSC's website: <http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/musc/>
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- > o Allendale County Hospital: <http://www.achospital.org/>
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- > o Williamsburg Regional Hospital: <http://www.wilhos.com/>
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- > o Logisticare: <https://www.logisticare.com/>
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- > o Magellan: <http://www.magellanhealth.com/our-solutions/magellan-rx-management.aspx>
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- > o Maximus: <http://www.maximus.com/>
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- > · Centering Press Event. Colleen is working up some potential dates and locations for a Centering

press event. We will show you the options next week

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> · HOP Teleconference. Sum of this morning's HOP call: The HOP vision Council refined HOP guideline and contract language for FY2015. Recommendations will be presented to you next week

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> · Deps Retreat. The Deps will put on their strategy hats Friday, Sep. 12, at the Botanical Garden facility at Riverbanks. You are most welcome to attend, and I will get the proposed agenda to you

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> · Agency Security Training Video Compliance. We are past the deadline, but 24 employees are outstanding as of right now. Doug and his team are making a last ditch effort to reach out to remaining noncompliant staff and their supervisors today and will actually disable account Noon on Monday

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> · SCHA's Political Action Committee. SCHA's Political Action Committee (HAPAC) held its inaugural recognition luncheon recently. From SCHA website: "Most Valuable PAC player awards for 2013 were presented to Chuck Beaman, CEO, Palmetto Health, and Paul Johnson, CEO, Greenville Memorial Hospital, for their outstanding leadership and commitment to ensuring that South Carolina hospitals have a meaningful voice on legislative issues" <http://www.scha.org/news/hapac-holds-inaugural-recognition-luncheon>. (Why hasn't DHHS set up a PAC? Or more importantly, why hasn't DHHS had a luncheon for our legislative staff lately?)

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> · SCMA: Malpractice Opinions. SCMA's website is touting two recent SC Supreme Court opinions on two malpractice cases. <https://www.scmmedical.org/newsroom/article/sc-supreme-court-releases-opinions-on-sc-malpractice-cases>

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> Upcoming Events:

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> · SCMA/SCHA TAP Conference. Sep. 18-20 in Hilton Head. [https://www.scmmedical.org/uploads/files/TAP\\_Brochure\\_14.pdf](https://www.scmmedical.org/uploads/files/TAP_Brochure_14.pdf)

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> · Third Annual SC Telehealth Summit. Sep. 25 here in Columbia. <http://palmettocareconnections.org/index.php/education/news/item/3rd-annual-telehealth-summit>

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> · IMPH Health Policy Fellows gig. You are set to speak Oct. 1. Thanks for the advice on a keynote – I don't know who they ended up with. Here is the link to their Health Policy Fellows Program:

<http://imph.org/health-policy-fellows-program/>

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> · NAMD Fall Conference. The NAMD Fall Conference is November 3-5, 2014 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, Virginia. Early bird rates are available until October 3. Registration, hotel information, and a draft program can be found at <http://events.medicaiddirectors.org><<http://events.medicaiddirectors.org/>>.

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> · SCAHP's 13th Annual Health Care Conference. Dec. 3-5 on Kiawah. <http://www.scalliance.org/events/annual-conference/>

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> Other States' Stories This Week:

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> Colorado says 2,100 health plans were canceled in last two months

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> [http://www.denverpost.com/News/ci\\_26382208/Colorado-says-2100-health-plans-were-canceled-in-last-two-months](http://www.denverpost.com/News/ci_26382208/Colorado-says-2100-health-plans-were-canceled-in-last-two-months)

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> One-third in Florida chose Medicaid plan

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> <http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/08/21/4301226/two-thirds-in-florida-choose-medicaid.html>

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> Oregon health reforms threatened by new federal directive, officials say

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> [http://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2014/08/post\\_95.html#incart\\_river](http://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2014/08/post_95.html#incart_river)

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> Hospital mistakes get harder for patients to find

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> [http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/hospital-mistakes-get-harder-for-patients-to-find/article\\_96591c27-27b1-5cd5-b824-dd2cb7931796.html](http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/hospital-mistakes-get-harder-for-patients-to-find/article_96591c27-27b1-5cd5-b824-dd2cb7931796.html)  
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> In California, Some Efforts to Toughen Oversight of Assisted Living Falter  
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> <http://www.propublica.org/article/in-california-some-efforts-to-toughen-oversight-of-assisted-living-falter>  
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> A Georgia County's Difficult Question: How to save its local hospital  
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> <http://www.georgiahealthnews.com/2014/08/countys-difficult-question-save-local-hospital/>  
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> Texas County's Mental Health System  
> <http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2014/August/20/San-Antonio-model-mental-health-system.aspx>  
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> "In San Antonio, the police, courts, and healthcare systems are working together to treat, rather than jail, people with mental illness."  
> <http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2014/08/san-antonio-police-have-radical-approach-to-mental-illness-treat-it/378780/>  
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> Anthem Blue Cross California sued again over narrow-network health plans  
> <http://www.dailynewsen.com/business/anthem-blue-cross-sued-again-over-narrow-network-health-plans-h2559562.html>  
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> "The Affordable Care Act has largely made Fresno County's \$20 million a year contract with Community Regional Medical Centers to treat the poor, less necessary."  
> <http://abc30.com/politics/push-to-save-health-care-for-the-undocumented-poor-in-fresno-county/272427/>  
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> · Jobs at SCDHHS. Today we have 24 positions posted: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sc/default.cfm?&promotionaljobs=0&transfer=0>  
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> · Internless COS. Since June, I have watched four interns move on from DHHS. Toward bright horizons, though irreparably harmed due to exposure to my work ethic. Regardless, I have asked J.T. McLawhorn to send over some names for future interns  
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> · From SC HeathData – “Did you know?” The total number of beds at S.C. hospitals has remained close to constant from 2008-13, increasing only 1.3 percent during that time period  
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> · From SC Healthviz – “Did you know?” Fully one third of South Carolina residents live in rural areas. Rural residents often have lower incomes, fewer job opportunities, and limited geographic access to social amenities. Geographic isolation and socioeconomic disadvantage can put rural populations at increased risk for poor health  
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> · The Kost Family Will Help Shore it Up. The second attachment is an opinion piece from this week’s Wall St. Journal about Social Security’s potential insolvency, recently and alarmingly updated by the CBO. “The program’s 75-year deficit has nearly quadrupled since 2008, and the trust fund’s exhaustion date has moved forward by nearly 20 years”  
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> Some Highlights from Next Week’s Schedule:  
> Monday: Michael Williams; Dr. Bill Anderson, SCMA  
> Tuesday: Senator Alexander - Walhalla  
> Wednesday: Admin Budget Reviews; MCAC Agenda Review  
> Thursday: Mary Poole; Prime Update; Amy Nienbuis; Ana 1-1  
> Friday: Arnold School of Public Health Reception  
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> .... Weekly Review:  
> Again, the first attachment is our weekly internal educational and inspirational piece, aptly titled, “Weekly Review” this week featuring a big ATta-boy for the ATtack on ATs  
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