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The BENES Act in effect: Four Ways You'll See It Starting This January

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Another piece of federal legislation — the Beneficiary Enrollment Notification and Eligibility Simplification (BENES) Act — is shaping the Medicare landscape as well.

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Prescription Drug Reporting Deadline Approaching

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December 27 is the deadline for employer-sponsored health plans to report information regarding prescription drugs and health care spending, as part of the transparency requirement imposed by the Consolidated Appropriations Act.

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Historic Investment to Increase Health Care Coverage

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Nearly \$50 million will be awarded to organizations on the frontlines of reducing uninsured rates and connecting more children, parents and families to health care coverage.

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Women's Health Protection Act of 2022 Passes in House

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H.R. 8296 prohibits governments from limiting a provider's ability to offer certain drugs and services when the provider determines a delay risks the patient's health.

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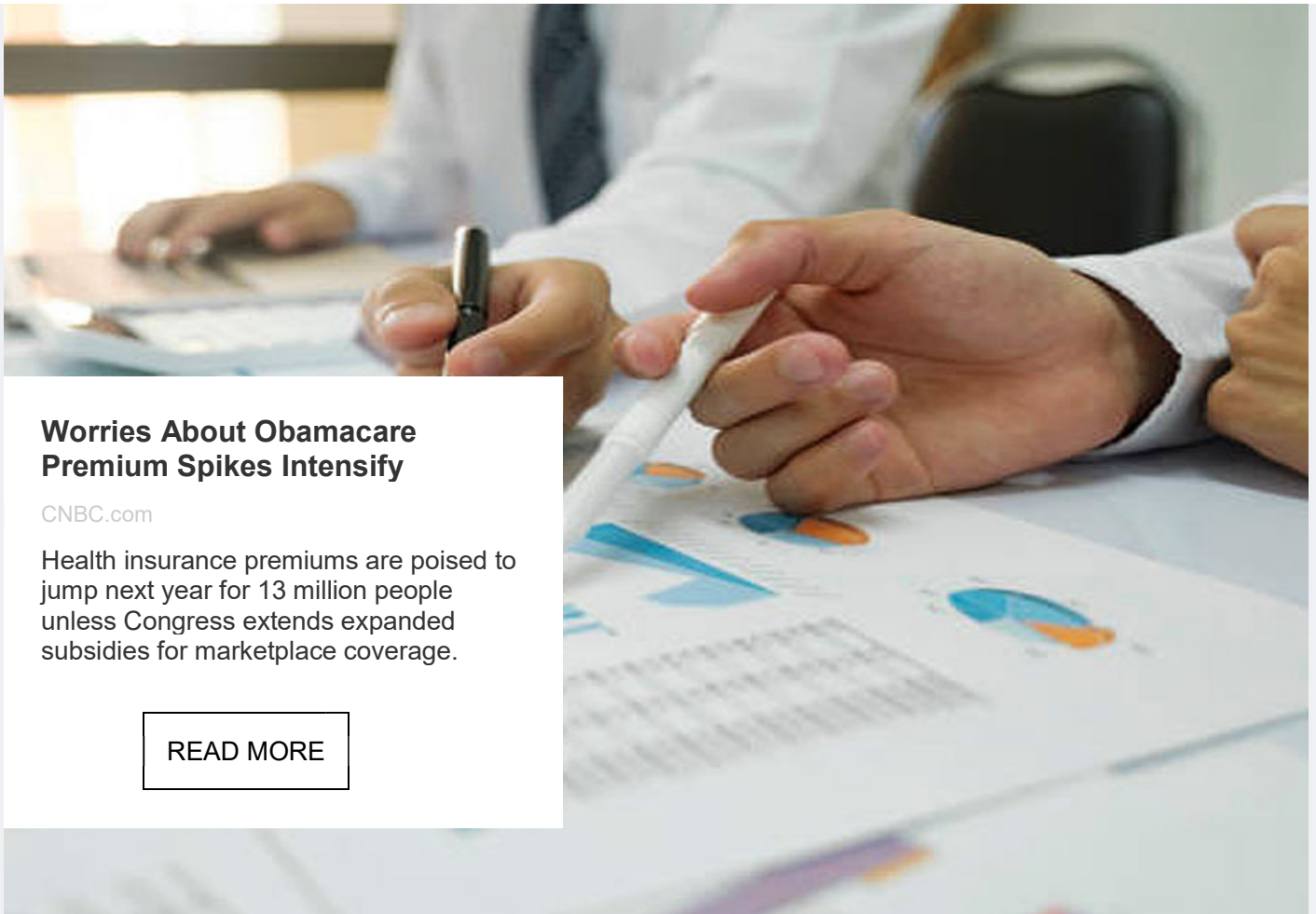


Reining in Pharmacy Costs: States Target Benefits Managers

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Business practices such as spread pricing, rebating and formulary placement have increased demands for transparency from legislators, providers and other stakeholders.

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Worries About Obamacare Premium Spikes Intensify

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Health insurance premiums are poised to jump next year for 13 million people unless Congress extends expanded subsidies for marketplace coverage.

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UnitedHealthcare to Eliminate Out-of-Pocket Costs

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Eligible members will pay \$0 out of pocket for preferred short- and long-acting insulins, and emergency-use drugs that are critical in acute, life-saving circumstances.

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Roadmap to Reduce Spending and Improve Affordability

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California: HHS Approves 12-Month Extension of Postpartum Coverage

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With the department's approval, an estimated 284,000 Americans annually in D.C. and 18 states, including California, are now eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage.

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Governor Says California Closer to Achieving Universal Health Care

State of California

Latest expansion of Medi-Cal coverage brings California closer to Governor Newsom's promise of universal access to health care coverage, regardless of age or immigration status.

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Covered California Adds More Options to the Marketplace

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Covered California announced that it has added a 13th health plan to the marketplace and expanded the coverage zones of two existing health plans for 2023.

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Program Seeks to Expand Coverage to 10,000 Coloradans

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New “Colorado Option” standardized plans will lower premiums and ensure greater access to health care for more residents.

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Inflationary Pressures Threaten Colorado Option Plans

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According to a new report, medical inflation may force health providers in Colorado to cut services and pass on rising costs of the Colorado Option to insured consumers.

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Carriers Leaving Small Group and Individual Colorado Markets

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Effective January 1, several carriers are leaving the Small Group and Individual markets in Colorado. Still, there's a significant amount of other coverage options. Watch this short webinar for details.

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Insurance Giant to Pay \$166M to Texas in Drug Pricing Settlement

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Health insurance giant Centene Corp. recently agreed to pay \$165.6 million to Texas to resolve claims that it overcharged the state's Medicaid program for pharmacy services.

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Few Places Have More Medical Debt Than Dallas-Fort Worth, but Hospitals There Are Thriving

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