

TODAY'S MUST READS – MAY 22, 2013

## **ALLIANCE MENTIONS**

### **ADVISORY/ MEDICARE REFORM: THE SENIORS' PERSPECTIVE**

Wall Street Journal/Business Wire

Press Release

May 21, 2013

Learn where the nation's leading aging organizations stand on Medicare reform proposals. Members of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations including Eva Dominguez, Legislative Representative at the Alliance for Retired Americans, will speak at an event Tuesday, May 28 at 3:30 p.m. at 2103 Rayburn House Office Building.

[http://online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20130521-911133.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20130521-911133.html?mod=googlenews_wsj)

## **MEDICAID**

### **DESPITE GOVERNORS' OPPOSITION, STRONG SOUTHERN SUPPORT FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION**

Stateline

Michael Ollove

May 21, 2013

A large majority of people living in the Deep South supports the Medicaid expansion in the Affordable Care Act, even though their governors and representatives oppose it, according to a new poll.

<http://www.pewstates.org/projects/stateline/headlines/despite-governors-opposition-strong-southern-support-for-medicaid-expansion-85899477996>

### **TEXAS: HOUSE VOTES TO BAN MEDICAID EXPANSION**

New York Times/Reuters

May 21, 2013

The Texas House passed a measure on Tuesday that would prevent the state from expanding its Medicaid program as outlined by President Obama's health care law.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/22/us/texas-house-votes-to-ban-medicaid-expansion.html?emc=tnt&tntemail0=y&\\_r=1&](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/22/us/texas-house-votes-to-ban-medicaid-expansion.html?emc=tnt&tntemail0=y&_r=1&)

## **MEDICARE**

### **HOW MEDICARE PART D CHANGED THE DRUG INDUSTRY**

Marketplace HealthCare

Dan Gorenstein

May 22, 2013

Later today, a U.S. Senate committee is scheduled to hold a hearing on the prescription drug benefit program for seniors known as Medicare Part D.

<http://www.marketplace.org/topics/business/health-care/how-medicare-part-d-changed-drug-industry>

## MEDICARE NIXES COVERAGE FOR NEW CANCER TESTS

Forbes

Scott Gottlieb

May 22, 2013

Medicare has sharply changed the way it pays for diagnostic tests, cutting payment rates and curtailing coverage for some new tests altogether.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/scottgottlieb/2013/05/22/medicare-nixes-coverage-for-some-new-cancer-tests/>

## POLITICS

### HOUSE PANEL OKS BIG SPENDING CUTS

Politico

David Rogers

May 21, 2013

Sequestration 2 opened at the House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday as Republicans won approval of their dramatic plan to reallocate the reduced funding available after the second round of spending reductions slated for October. Discretionary spending would drop to \$967 billion — \$17 billion below where appropriations stand now after the first round of cuts in March.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/sequestration-house-panel-spending-cuts-91695.html#ixzz2U1kCBKfg>

### OBAMA'S EFFORTS ARE BARELY CONNECTING WITH PUBLIC, BUT CONGRESS IS WELL OFF TARGET

Washington Post

Sean Sullivan

May 21, 2013

A slim majority of Americans say President Obama is focusing on things that matter to them personally, while a clear majority say Republicans in Congress are not, a new Washington Post-ABC News poll shows.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/05/21/obamas-efforts-are-barely-connecting-with-public-but-congress-is-well-off-target/>

## SENATE GOP SHARPLY DIVIDED ON BUDGET

Politico

Ginger Gibson

May 21, 2013

Senate Republicans disagreed sharply on Tuesday over whether to send the upper chamber's budget to conference with the House.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/senate-gop-budget-91699.html#ixzz2U1r6rx1w>