

TODAY'S MUST READS – APRIL 9, 2013

## **ALLIANCE MENTIONS**

### **LIBERAL GROUPS HEAD TO WHITE HOUSE TO PROTEST SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS**

Politico

Byron Tau and Anna Palmer

April 9, 2013

More than a dozen groups are headed to the White House this afternoon to present a petition with more than 1 million signatures opposed to Social Security cuts. The coalition includes the Alliance for Retired Americans.

<http://www.politico.com/politicoinfluence/0413/politicoinfluence10401.html>

### **OBAMA'S FIX WOULD TRIM SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS**

Reuters

Mark Miller

April 9, 2013

Leah Witherspoon, chair of the Dallas chapter of the Texas Alliance, is profiled for an article about the impact that chained CPI could have on seniors who rely entirely on Social Security for their income.

<http://money.msn.com/business-news/article.aspx?feed=OBR&date=20130409&id=16333885>

### **SUPPORTERS OF MEDICAID EXPANSION RALLY IN WATERLOO**

Waterloo Ceder Falls Courier

KWWL

Kera Mashek

April 7, 2013

Sunday, groups supporting the federal Medicaid expansion rallied at Lincoln Park in Waterloo. Midge Slater, field organizer for the Iowa Alliance, was one of the speakers at the rally.

<http://www.kwwl.com/story/21902651/2013/04/07/supporters-of-medicaid-expansion-rally-in-waterloo>

## **MEDICARE**

### **THE 'HARD TO CHANGE' LEGACY OF MEDICARE PAYMENT**

NPR

Julie Rovner

April 9, 2013

The budget President Obama will send to Congress Wednesday is expected to include some \$400 billion in reductions to Medicare and other health programs. And if the word around Washington

is correct, it may also include a proposal aimed at winning some bipartisan backing — by changing the way Medicare patients pay for their care.

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/04/09/176561016/changing-medicare-s-cost-sharing-is-easier-proposed-than-done>

#### **ERIC CANTOR COULD SWAY GOP FOR MARILYN TAVENNER**

Politico

Jennifer Haberkorn

April 9, 2013

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor will introduce President Barack Obama's nominee to run the Medicare and Medicaid agencies at Tuesday's Senate Finance Committee hearing to consider her nomination — a bipartisan boost that signals that she's likely on course for confirmation.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/04/eric-cantor-could-sway-gop-for-marilyn-tavener-89777.html#ixzz2PyY8TiZm>

#### **NEW MEDICARE CUTS THREATEN NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS - MOODY'S**

Reuters

Lisa Lambert

April 8, 2013

Not-for-profit U.S. hospitals began confronting another threat to their shaky finances last week with the start of reductions to Medicare that are included in the universal federal spending cuts known as sequestration, Moody's Investors Service said on Monday.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/08/us-usa-fiscal-healthcare-moodys-idUSBRE93714C20130408>

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

##### **THE NUMBER OF SENIORS USING SOCIAL MEDIA HAS DOUBLED**

Business2Community

Kim Beasley

April 9, 2013

According to a report by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, the rate of seniors using social media has doubled.

<http://www.business2community.com/social-media/the-number-of-seniors-using-social-media-has-doubled-0459400#j7VvAFdpvcv9bSXH.99>

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY**

##### **LIBERALS WARN DEMOCRATS ON OBAMA BUDGET**

Politico

Alex Isenstadt  
April 9, 2013

A trio of liberal groups is warning Democratic lawmakers who back cuts to entitlements programs that they could face a challenge from the left in the next election.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/04/liberals-warn-democrats-on-obama-budget-89776.html#ixzz2Pzcxj5CR>

#### SOCIAL SECURITY'S NEEDED EXPANSION

The Washington Post  
Katrina vanden Heuvel  
April 9, 2013

The crisis we face in Social Security isn't that the benefits are too generous; it is that more and more Americans lack the savings for a secure retirement.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/katrina-vanden-heuvel-social-securitys-needed-expansion/2013/04/09/0376d93a-a07a-11e2-82bc-511538ae90a4\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/katrina-vanden-heuvel-social-securitys-needed-expansion/2013/04/09/0376d93a-a07a-11e2-82bc-511538ae90a4_story.html)

#### SANDERS: I'LL FIGHT OBAMA'S SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS

Yahoo! News  
Olivier Knox  
April 5, 2013

Sanders has been waging a campaign opposing the use of chained CPI, which would mean lower annual cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits and veterans, and would reduce help to the poor.

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/ticket/sanders-obama-don-t-touch-social-security-150508490--politics.html>