

News & Links from OPCA July 9, 2010

OPCA Members in the News:

<http://www.unitedwaylane.org/what-we-do/new-community-impact-funding-launched-july-1-2010/>

News release from United Way of Lane County: The agency awarded funding to **White Bird Clinic** to expand access to health care for the uninsured and provide dental and mental health services for the uninsured and homeless.

<http://kdrv.com/news/local/180734>

KDRV (Medford): Healthcare providers are expecting to face steep cuts to Medicare reimbursements later this year. Includes quotes from **Peg Crowley, executive director of CHC-Medford**.

Federal Legislation and Community Health Centers:

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/government-medicine/20100708chcbrief.html>

AAFP News Now: Comments on research into the **likely effects of health care reform on CHCs**.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2010/07/05/daily8.html>

Sacramento Business Journal: U.S. House Resolution 5636 would establish a **network of Federally Qualified Behavioral Health Centers across the country** and provide them with cost-based reimbursement through Medicaid.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Appointment:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/president-obama-announces-recess-appointments-key-administration-positions-0>

News release from the White House: President Obama announced the recess appointment of **Dr. Donald Berwick, nominee for CMS administrator**.

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2010/04/23/don-berwick-on-patient-centeredness-and-more/>

Health Affairs blog by Chris Fleming: Includes links to **recent Health Affairs articles** (none requiring a subscription) authored by **Dr. Donald Berwick**.

Federal Health Care Legislation:

<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/health-reform-implementation/107897-the-week-ahead-in-health-policy>

The Hill blog by Julian Pecquet: Before the August recess, members of Congress will look at **extending enhanced Medicaid funding for states** for the first six months of 2011. Blogger's opinion: "The chances of getting something passed are strong."

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2010/07/07/128354945/berwick-s-in-more-battles-for-healthcare-hearts-and-minds-ahead>

NPR blog by April Fulton and Julie Rovner: Despite the passage of health care reform, some parties have not given up the **attempt to “undo what Congress has done.”**

Patient-Centered Medical Home model:

<http://diseasemanagementcareblog.blogspot.com/2010/07/recall-that-medicare-has-historically.html>

Disease Management Care blog by Jaan Sidorov: How did the **Medicare Multi-payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration** decide \$10 per person per month was **adequate reimbursement for the medical home?**