

## OPCA News & Links August 13, 2010

### OPCA Members in the News:

<http://colorsinfluence.blogspot.com/2010/08/colored-pencils-celebrates-mid-county.html>

*Colors of Influence*: Work by 15 artists representing a variety of Portland's ethnic communities will become a permanent exhibition at **Multnomah County Health Department's** Mid County Health Center

### Health Care/Health Care Reform in Oregon:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/oha/ebulletin/2010-08.html>

Bulletin from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA): **Updates on the work of the OHA** and the committees, workgroups and councils of the Oregon Health Policy Board.

<http://www.ospirg.org/newsroom/health-care/health-care-news/plan-to-cut-health-care-waste-moves-ahead>

News release from the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group: The first phase of the Oregon administrative simplification plan, **designed to cut needless health care paperwork**, is scheduled to launch in January 2012.

[http://www.thelundreport.org/resource/federal\\_health\\_reforms\\_to\\_save\\_oregonians\\_billions](http://www.thelundreport.org/resource/federal_health_reforms_to_save_oregonians_billions)

*The Lund Report*: A new study delivered to the Oregon Health Policy Board estimates that **by 2019, about 240,000 people will remain uninsured in Oregon** (out of 680,000 uninsured today).

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20100811/NEWS/8110437/1042/STATE>

*Statesman-Journal* (Salem): President Obama signed an aid package that will extend FMAP through the first six months of 2011. An estimated **\$143 million is expected for the Oregon Medicaid program**.

### Federal Health Care Reform/Funding:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/08/20100809a.html>

News release from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Secretary Sebelius announced the availability of up to **\$250 million in grants for New Access Points** under the Health Center Program.

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=450970E7-563E-4D2D-A021-5C775F7F614E&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popup=>

U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration E-Handbook: **Guidance for New Access Point grants. Applications are now available and are due November 17.** Note: OPCA is double-checking the Projected Award Date and will provide a related update.

[http://www.healthaffairs.org/healthpolicybriefs/brief.php?brief\\_id=22](http://www.healthaffairs.org/healthpolicybriefs/brief.php?brief_id=22)

*Health Affairs* Policy Brief: **Updated analysis of the extension of FMAP** through the first six months of 2011.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/08/20100805a.html>

News release from HHS: \$159.1 million in **grants are awarded to primary care workforce training programs**. Includes \$1.8 million in grants to Oregon institutions.

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/641994.html>

*Business Week*: A report using data from 1997 through 2007 indicates that **increasing numbers of Americans, especially adults on Medicaid, are using hospital emergency rooms** for their health care.