

## News & Links from OPCA November 13, 2011

### OPCA Members in the News:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20111113/OPINION/111130312>  
*Mail-Tribune* (Medford): Op-ed piece by **Phil Michael, chair of the board of La Clinica**, on the current threat to Medicaid funding and the likely impact on CHCs.

### Health Care in Oregon:

<http://www.oha.state.or.us/oha/ebulletin/2011-11.html>  
*Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Bulletin*: Updates on **health transformation workgroup meetings and outcomes from community town halls** about the state's transformation work.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/news/messages/index.shtml>  
Message from OHA Director Bruce Goldberg: The state has asked **OHA** and all other agencies to provide a list of **budget-reduction options**. OHA options are posted [here](#) and are available for public comment. (Note: The link to the director's message automatically updates every week and connects to the latest message posted.)

[http://www.thelundreport.org/resource/oregon looking for federal dollars to fund transformation process](http://www.thelundreport.org/resource/oregon%20looking%20for%20federal%20dollars%20to%20fund%20transformation%20process)  
*The Lund Report*: Bruce Goldberg is in active discussions with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) about the availability of **federal funds to jump-start Coordinated Care Organizations**.

[http://www.lundreport.org/resource/central oregon sees early successes in coordinated care model](http://www.lundreport.org/resource/central%20oregon%20sees%20early%20successes%20in%20coordinated%20care%20model)  
*The Lund Report*: The Central Oregon Health Council is an ambitious **pilot program designed to coordinate the care of Oregon Health Plan patients**.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/news/2011/2011-1109a.pdf>  
News release from OHA: Oregon providers who treat Medicaid patients are beginning to receive their **federal incentive payments for "meaningful use"** of electronic health records.

<http://familiesusa2.org/assets/pdfs/health-reform/helping-families/Oregon.pdf>  
Report from FamiliesUSA: Middle-income families in Oregon, both uninsured and insured, will be **financial winners under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)**.

## **Federal Legislation, Programs & Funding:**

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2011/11/09/appellate-court-upholds-aca-in-opinion-by-prominent-conservative-judge/>

*Health Affairs* blog by Timothy Jost: A second federal **court of appeals has upheld the constitutionality of the minimum coverage requirement of the ACA.**

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/11/13/politics/congress-super-committee/>

CNN: Members of the deficit-reduction "**Super Committee**" remain hung up on basic issues of tax and entitlement reform.

[News release from CMS](#)

According to a new survey, **parents of children with Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program report high satisfaction** with their access to doctors and the quality of care.

<http://www.alternet.org/story/153014/compassionate-conservatism-4-popular-safetynet-programs-tea-party-republicans-have-turned-against-in-the-age-of-obama?page=entire>

AlterNet: **CHCs** are one of the federal programs that have historically enjoyed high levels of bipartisan support but are **currently under attack by the GOP.**

## **"Health Neighborhood:"**

[http://www.healthaffairs.org/healthpolicybriefs/brief.php?brief\\_id=56](http://www.healthaffairs.org/healthpolicybriefs/brief.php?brief_id=56)

*Health Affairs*: The **community development and health fields** are focusing on ways they can **work more effectively together.**

## **Person-Centered Primary Care Home (PCPCH) Model:**

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/early/2011/11/02/hlthaff.2011.0923.full.pdf+html>

*Health Affairs*: A study from 11 countries, including the U.S., reports that adults seen at primary practices with attributes of a **PCPCH** gave **higher ratings** to the care they received.