

News & Links from OPCA January 15, 2012

OPCA Members in the News:

<http://kdrv.com/news/local/236314>

KDRV (Medford): **CHC-Medford** provides comprehensive care for diabetic patients.

<http://www.health.oregon.gov/OHA/features/2012-0110-asthma.shtml>

Oregon Health Authority website: The primary care team at the **Multnomah County Health Department's** Northeast Health Center helps a young patient control his asthma.

Health Care in Oregon:

<http://www.kgw.com/news/Estimate-shows-near-term-Oregon-Medicaid-shortfall-137088318.html>

KGW (Portland): New projections indicate that though the potential for long-term savings is significant, **Oregon's health care transformation may save far less in the short term than originally assumed.**

<http://community.statesmanjournal.com/blogs/capitolwatch/2012/01/14/gov-kitzhaber-and-health-care-transformation-continued/>

Statesman-Journal (Salem) blog by Peter Wong: Governor **Kitzhaber reports an "extraordinarily positive" response from federal officials to a request for funding** to assist with Oregon's health care transformation.

http://lundreport.org/resource/health_care_costs_to_the_state_can_be_reduced_32_billion_over_five_years

The Lund Report: Overview of **health transformation updates presented to the Oregon Health Policy Board** on January 10.

http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2012/01/oregon_gov_john_kitzhaber_gets.html

Oregonian: Governor Kitzhaber discusses Oregon's health care transformation in his **State of the State** address.

National Health Care Issues:

http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1114858?query=featured_home&

New England Journal of Medicine: The fate of the **Affordable Care Act depends on the outcome of four key events** in 2012.

http://www.healthaffairs.org/healthpolicybriefs/brief.php?brief_id=60

Health Affairs: Health policy brief on **possible reforms to Medicaid.**

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2012/01/09/slow-growth-in-health-spending-and-utilization-continues/>

Health Affairs blog by Chris Fleming: A new study reports a second year of **slow growth in national health spending in 2010**.

Community Health Center Network:

<http://www.nachc.com/pressrelease-detail.cfm?PressReleaseID=734>

News release from NACHC: A new study finds that patients who receive a majority of their ambulatory care at **CHCs have significantly lower health care costs** than other patients.

<http://philanthropy.com/blogs/money-and-mission/why-community-health-centers-matter/27898>

The Chronicle of Philanthropy: Overview of **CHCs and their value to the nation**.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/755950>

Medscape News Today: Video interview with **Dr. Mary Wakefield**, administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, about the **nationwide network of CHCs**.

<http://www.nachc.com/magazine.cfm>

NACHC website: The new edition of **NACHC's Health Forum magazine** includes articles on regulatory changes affecting CHCs.

Person-Centered Primary Care Home (PCPCH) Model:

http://www.cardiovascularbusiness.com/index.php?option=com_articles&view=article&id=31114:report-medical-home-employees-have-high-morale-levels-of-job-satisfaction-

Cardiovascular Business: Employees at 65 clinics participating in the **Safety Net Medical Home Initiative** report **high levels of job satisfaction and morale**.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/news/2012/2012-0112.pdf>

News release from Oregon Health Authority: Any health care practice in Oregon can now apply for **state recognition as a PCPCH**.

<http://www.annfammed.org/content/10/1/34.full.pdf+html>

Annals of Family Medicine: Higher patient-reported access to a **PCPCH was associated with a significantly lower mortality risk**