

Medicaid Managed Care Articles and Observations Around the Country

7/11/19

Nationally sourced news reports:

6/26/19 – Iowa Gazette article “State Auditor accuses Iowa Medicaid companies of violating contracts”

<https://www.thegazette.com/subject/news/health/state-auditor-rob-sand-accuses-iowa-medicaid-companies-of-violating-contracts-20190626>

** Alleges reductions of services to Medicaid recipients by United Healthcare and AmeriGroup*

4/12/19 - Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) in Dallas News highlighting 6/03/18 Dallas Morning News story below:

<https://www.dallasnews.com/business/health-care/2019/04/12/invoking-pain-profit-sen-bob-casey-wants-federal-investigation-dangerous-denials-medicaid-companies>

** Ranking member of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging Sen. Casey weighs in on managed-care organizations handling of Medicaid benefits and concerns to warrant a federal investigation*

3/29/19 – DesMoines Register article “UnitedHealthcare is pulling out of Iowa's private Medicaid management program”

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2019/03/29/medicaid-health-care-unitedhealthcare-privatized-iowa-medicaid-system-kim-reynolds-insurance-health/3315390002/>

** Demonstrates risk of managed care plans exiting states; particularly of concern if sole source arrangements are in place*

1/03/19 – Kaiser Health News article “Coverage Denied: Medicaid Patients Suffer As Layers Of Private Companies Profit”

<https://khn.org/news/coverage-denied-medicaid-patients-suffer-as-layers-of-private-companies-profit/>

** Discusses concern of potential fraudulent practices of managed care subcontractors; raises concerns similar to pharmacy benefit manager issue recently revealed in Ohio*

10/18/18 - NPR article “Private Medicaid Plans Receive Billions In Tax Dollars, With Little Oversight”

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/10/18/657862337/private-medicaid-plans-receive-billions-in-tax-dollars-with-little-oversight>

** Raises apprehension regarding lack of evidence that managed care models improve patient care or saves government money; discusses lack of oversight and accountability*

6/03/18 - Dallas Morning News investigative story “Pain and Profit”

<https://interactives.dallasnews.com/2018/pain-and-profit/part1.html>

** Investigative story on the tragic death of 3-year old boy and Superior HealthPlan member that prompted Sen. Casey's public statements earlier this year*

5/04/18 - Health Affairs blog “Medicaid Managed Care: Lots of Unanswered Questions”

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20180430.510086/full/>

** Comprehensive administrative, financial analysis and variation assessment of Medicaid managed care performance; measuring return on investment in managed care models*

11/06/17 - Kaiser Health News article “Enriched By The Poor: California Health Insurers Make Billions Through Medicaid”

<https://khn.org/news/enriched-by-the-poor-california-health-insurers-make-billions-through-medicaid/>

** Questions profitability of insurance companies at the expense of state taxpayers; highlights California data and managed care plans' growth and profits*