Medicaid Managed Care Articles and Observations Around the Country
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Nationally sourced news reports:

6/26/19 – Iowa Gazette article “State Auditor accuses Iowa Medicaid companies of violating contracts”
* 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:
* 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”
* 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”
* 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”
* 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”
* 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”
* 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”
* Questions profitability of insurance companies at the expense of state taxpayers; highlights California data and managed care plans’ growth and profits