

## News & Links from OPCA 1/15/10

### OPCA and OPCA Members in the News:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2010/01/student\\_health\\_centers\\_how\\_are.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2010/01/student_health_centers_how_are.html)  
*Oregonian*: Quick look at school-based health centers, including one operated by **Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center**.

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100115/TEMPO/1150307/-1/NEWSMAP>  
*Mail-Tribune* (Medford): **La Clinica Development Director Maria Ramos Underwood** will keynote the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration in Ashland.

<http://www.americantowns.com/or/curry-county/videos>  
Curry County Videos webpage: Includes links to three video interviews by Community Chest TV with **Kathy Laird, executive director of Waterfall CHC**.

<http://www.flashalertportland.net/IIN/press-releases.php?RegionID=1&Testing=0&PressReleaseID=32046&Alert=#32046>  
Internet Information Network: Community Health Advocates of Oregon (**CHAO**) and **OPCA** are sponsoring “**The Naked Truth – Health Care Reform Exposed!**” on January 25 in Portland.

<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/21457074/Open-Letter-to-President-Obama-and-Members-of-Congress-Support-strong-affordability-and-coverage-provisions-in-final-health-reform-legislation>  
docstoc: An **open letter to President Obama** urging affordability and coverage provisions in health reform. Signed by organizational leaders including **Jennifer Pratt of OPCA**.

### Editorials: Yes on Measures 66/67:

<http://www.heraldandnews.com/articles/2010/01/13/viewpoints/op-ed/doc4b4d664a1d3b9677580327.txt>  
*Herald and News* (Klamath Falls)

<http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/opinion/24330498-47/tax-income-oregon-state-measure.csp>

and

<http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/opinion/24331432-47/million-cuts-state-budget-legislature.csp>

and

<http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/opinion/24334783-47/tax-taxes-state-income-oregon.csp>

*Register-Guard* (Eugene) – a three-part editorial series

<http://www.dailyastorian.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=67118&SectionID=23&SubSectionID=392&S=1>

*Daily Astorian*

## **Editorials: No on Measures 66/67:**

[http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2010/01/wrong\\_time\\_wrong\\_tax\\_hikes\\_vot.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2010/01/wrong_time_wrong_tax_hikes_vot.html)

*Oregonian*

<http://www.bendbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100106/NEWS0107/301069999/-1/RSSNEWSMAP>

*Bend Bulletin*

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20101100328>

*Statesman-Journal* (Salem)

<http://www.nrtoday.com/article/20100110/EDITORIALS/100109750/1022&ParentProfile=1055>

*News-Review* (Roseburg)

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100110/OPINION/1100301/-1/NEWSMAP>

*Mail-Tribune* (Medford)

## **Oregon Health Plan Signups:**

<http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/news/sevendays/24344607-35/health-plan-oregon-services-state.csp>

*Register-Guard* (Eugene): State health officials randomly selected the names of **2,000 low-income Oregonians** for the opportunity to apply for the **Oregon Health Plan Standard**.

## **Federal Health Care Reform:**

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/theoval/post/2010/01/obama-works-late-on-health-care---final-deal-seems-close/1>

*The Oval*: President Obama and a dozen key Democrats reportedly are **close to agreement on how to merge the U.S. House and Senate health care bills**.

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2010-01-15-health-care-bill-compromise-democrats\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2010-01-15-health-care-bill-compromise-democrats_N.htm)

*USA Today*: With a possible end in sight on health care reform, President Obama agreed to **soften a proposed tax on high-cost insurance plans**.

### **Health Care Disparities:**

[http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/01/health\\_disparity\\_numbers.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/01/health_disparity_numbers.html)

Center for American Progress website: A look at how racial and ethnic **minorities are disproportionately affected by the failings of our health care system.**

### **Health Care Cost Trends:**

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=3570&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=1%2C2%2C3%2C4%2C5&intPage=&showAll=&pYear=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>

News release from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: A new annual report shows that nominal **health spending in the United States grew 4.4 percent** in 2008, to \$2.3 trillion.