

## News & Links from OPCA 12/18/09

### OPCA Members in the News:

<http://www.kmed.com/pages/landing?12-16-09-COMMUNITY-HEALTH-CENTER-GETS-10=1&blockID=103923&feedID=133>

KMED (Medford): **CHC-Medford** received a \$10,000 grant for breast and cervical cancer screening.

### Oregon News – Measures 66 &67/Funding

<http://portland.bizjournals.com/portland/stories/2009/12/14/daily4.html>

*Portland Business Journal*: A new study by an Oregon State University economist found that even **with passage of Measures 66 and 67, Oregon state taxes will be lower than the national average.**

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/12/20091217a.html>

News release from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS): **Oregon receives \$1.6 million from the HHS** for progress in enrolling children in health coverage through Medicaid and improving access to children's coverage.

### Federal Health Care Reform/Legislation:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN1824156220091218>

Reuters: **Senate Democratic leader Reid** will file procedural motions on Saturday that would **set up a series of health care reform votes** to begin at 1 a.m. EST on Monday and possibly conclude with final passage on Christmas Eve.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jlMpJGn28kqCcgU-aGcYE\\_ZHW-ywD9CLVMMO0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jlMpJGn28kqCcgU-aGcYE_ZHW-ywD9CLVMMO0)

Associated Press: **U.S. Senate Republicans campaigned to block passage of sweeping health care legislation** while the White House and Senate Democrats bargained with Senator Nelson to lock in the 60th vote needed to pass the measure.

<http://www.time.com/time/politics/article/0,8599,1948075,00.html>

*TIME*: **Overview of the federal health care reform debate.**

<http://www.familiesusa.org/resources/newsroom/press-releases/2009-press-releases/oregon-senate-gains.html>

News release from Families USA: A new report from Families USA finds that **422,000 Oregonians will gain coverage by 2019 under the U.S. Senate health reform bill.**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/18/opinion/18krugman.html?\\_r=1&scp=2&sq=krugman%20health%20care&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/18/opinion/18krugman.html?_r=1&scp=2&sq=krugman%20health%20care&st=cse)

*New York Times*: Op-ed columnist Paul Krugman **urges passage of the U.S. Senate health care bill.**

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Columns/2009/December/121609HoltzEakin.aspx>  
*Kaiser Health News*: Op-ed column by a fellow at the Manhattan Institute arguing that proposed federal **health care legislation would "lock the country into an unsustainable spiral of debt or taxes."**

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2009/12/15/public-opinion-and-health-reform-looking-at-hot-button-house-senate-differences/>  
*Health Affairs*: Review of "hot button" **differences between the U.S. Senate and House versions of health care reform.**

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/health-system-reform/ama-comments-hr-3590.shtml>  
AMA website: The **American Medical Association's comments on the U.S. Senate health care bill.**

<http://www.healthreform.gov/reports/families/index.html>  
Report from the HHS: *Protecting Families*: How federal **health care reform will lower costs and increase choice.**

### **Primary Care Home Model:**

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/practice-management/20091216aco-principles.html>  
*AAFP News Now*: The American Academy of Family Physicians has adopted **principles for Accountable Care Organizations, or ACOs.** "The foundation of an ACO is primary care and the patient-centered medical home."

<http://www.annals.org/content/early/2009/12/08/0003-4819-152-2-201001190-00186.full?aimhp>  
*Annals of Internal Medicine*: Proposal that **primary care teaching health centers be established in CHCs** with a patient-centered medical home practice environment.

### **End-of-Life Care:**

<http://healthcarereform.nejm.org/?p=2580>  
*New England Journal of Medicine*: U.S. **thought leaders have been remarkably reticent** with respect to one aspect of the health care system: **end-of-life care.**