HOT TOPIC

Medicaid: To expand or not to expand—that is the question. The Legislative Library has been looking for reports, articles, and studies on states experiences with this question. Look at the subject headings HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES and INSURANCE to see some of the material we have collected.

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS


CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES


CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT


EDUCATION

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**ENERGY**

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**ENVIRONMENT**


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**FINANCE & REVENUE**


**HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES**

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22. Expanding Medicaid in Ohio. analysis of likely effects. The Ohio Medicaid Expansion Study. Feb. 2013. 24 pg. (The purpose of this study is to assess the comprehensive economic and fiscal effects of Medicaid expansion for the state of Ohio. The report also estimates the net fiscal effects that will occur even without expansion.) VF: Medicaid.

23. Laboratories of democracy: Arkansas, Oregon, and Medicaid. State Policy Reports. Vol. 31. Issue 10. May 2013. Pg. 2-5. (Unlike traditional Medicaid, states have more flexibility in covering the population under the Affordable Care Act, and some are taking advantage of that flexibility to deliver health care in new and different ways.)

24. Goodwin, Kristine & Laura Tobler. Partnership for patients. spreading innovations to save lives and reduce costs. The Rural Health Connection. NCSL. May 15, 2013. Pg. 1-6. (Despite impressive gains many hospital and health care systems have made since the landmark 2001 Crossing the chasm report, the health care system at large has struggled to tackle the problems of costly medical errors.)

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30. Sonier, Julie, et al. Medicaid welcome-mat effect of Affordable Care Act implementation could be substantial. Health Affairs. Vol. 32. No. 7. July 2013. Pg. 1319-1325. (This article discusses how the Affordable Care Act will substantially increase Medicaid enrollment, and the concerns of this increase on states.)

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33. Price, Carter C. & Christine Eibner. For states that opt out of Medicaid expansion: 3.6 million fewer insured and 8.4 billion less in federal payments. Health Affairs. Vol. 32. June 2013. Pg. 1030-1036. (This article uses the RAND COMPARE micro-simulation to analyze how opting out of Medicaid expansion would affect coverage and spending, and whether alternative policy could cover as many people at lower costs to states.)
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IMMIGRATION


INSURANCE


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MOTOR VEHICLES


PRIVACY


STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT


TAXATION

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TECHNOLOGY ISSUES


TRANSPORTATION


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