

Infographic of the Month

ACA Is Estimated to Significantly Increase the Number of People Who Start Their Own Businesses



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2003 & 2011, the healthcare sector created 2.67 million jobs while rest of the U.S. economy added only 850,000 jobs! The Kauffman-RAND Institute for Entrepreneurship Public Policy reports that the Affordable Care Act could create 33% new small businesses in the next 5 years. Small businesses are expected to receive nearly \$40 billion in the form of tax credits through health insurance exchanges. It is approximated that 1.5 million Americans will gain self-employment as a result of feeling assured about affordable & unbiased health insurance.

Source:

1. **CHIR** is based at Health Policy Institute (HPI), Georgetown University. It comprises of nationally-recognized experts on private health reforms and health insurance.
2. **Urban Institute** researches, gathers data, evaluates, educates & offers technical assistance on socio-economic issues, emphasizing on evidence-based research on public policies.

Reform News

White House delays health-care rule that businesses provide insurance to workers

The White House on Tuesday delayed for one year a requirement under the Affordable Care Act that businesses provide health insurance to employees, a fresh setback for President Obama's landmark health-care overhaul as it enters a critical phase. The provision, commonly known as the employer mandate...

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HHS confirms small business exchange delay

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has officially postponed until 2015 one aspect of the federal health insurance exchange used by small businesses. In a final rule released Friday, HHS said it's too complicated for insurers to meet the original 2014 deadline to sell plans on the federal small business health options program (SHOP).

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Healthcare's overlooked cost factor

When the Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Corporation merged its two hospitals with the neighboring Highland Park Hospital just north of Chicago 13 years ago, the deal was presented as an opportunity to increase efficiency and improve the quality of patient care. But when the Federal Trade Commission finally decided...

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Industry News

Analysis: Private insurance exchanges on the rise

Nearly one in five people will purchase health coverage through a privately run insurance exchange within four years, according to new research. Accenture Research, an arm of the global consulting firm, predicted that private exchanges will "upend ... purchasing for many of the..."

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Physician pay will soon depend on outcomes

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is seeking feedback from doctors as it builds a model for reimbursing physicians based on actual outcomes rather than process measures.

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hCentive News & Events

Upcoming Events

hCentive will participate in the **Defined Contribution Healthcare & Private Exchanges Summit**, on July 29-30, to discuss the evolving consumerist marketplace & explore various facets of Private Exchange domain.

Healthcare IT News

hCentive announces **WebInsure Direct Enrollment** for Health Insurance Carriers—this unique solution can work as a stand-alone module or be incorporated within hCentive's solutions (**WebInsure Private Exchange** or **WebInsure Exchange Manager**).

hCentive Blog

Health Plans & Social Gaming: What's Brewing?

It seems almost surreal when a connection between health plans and social gaming is proposed. However, there is a definite and growing interest among payers in the customer engagement capabilities of social gaming. There is emerging proof that social gaming can be used as a cost effective tool...

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Oregon's State-Based Health Insurance Marketplace – Well Prepared for October

The Oregon health insurance marketplace, named Cover Oregon, seems close to bringing a prediction to life. As one of the earliest states to adopt the health insurance marketplace concept, Oregon

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recently disclosed its proposed rates for operations beginning in 2014. The proposed rates highlight one primary prediction that has been highly debated – Health Insurance Marketplaces can drive down health insurance cost.

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