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## **Health Reform + Related Health Policy News Update for December 19, 2012**

### **Top News**

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#### **President Opposes Medical Device Tax Repeal or Replace**

President Obama, in an interview with Frank Vascellaro of Minnesota's news radio WCCO, said that he will not support a delay or repeal of the medical device tax. He said that because of the Affordable Care Act, health care companies are going to get 30 million new customers. [[More ...](#)]

#### **Senators Call for Extension of Comment Period on ACA Proposed Rules**

CMS Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight director Gary Cohen, in response to a letter from the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, said that CMS will not extend the 30-day comment period on recently proposed Affordable Care Act regulations. [[More ...](#)]

#### **AHA Urges U.S. District Court to Expedite Case Involving CMS' Payment Policy**

The American Hospital Association (AHA) announced on December 13 that the AHA and hospital co-plaintiffs have filed a motion in

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federal court urging the court to expedite proceedings in their challenge of a CMS payment policy. [[More ...](#)]

### Commonwealth Fund Finds Health Insurance Premiums and Deductibles Rising at an Historical Rate

A Commonwealth Fund report released on December 12 found that private health insurance premiums are rising significantly faster than income for low- and middle-income families. [[More ...](#)]

### AHA Report Finds Medicare Patients Living Longer, Sicker Lives

AHA released a report on December 11 with the finding that while Medicare patients may be living longer, they also are getting sicker and are contributing to a greater use of health services. [[More ...](#)]

### American College of Physicians Calls for Permanent SGR Repeal

The American College of Physicians is advocating that Congress permanently repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate formula. [[More ...](#)]

### CMS Provides Update on Dual Eligible Demonstration Program

CMS recently testified before the Senate Finance Committee that the beneficiary safeguards will be in place in any approved state demonstration programs for dual-eligible beneficiaries. [[More ...](#)]

## State News

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- [9th Circuit Panel Lifts Injunction on MediCal Provider Cuts](#)

## Regulatory News

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- [Federal Government Expected to Run Majority of Health Exchanges](#)
- [CMS Report Attributes \\$115 Million in Fraud Savings to Predictive Analytics](#)
- [CMS Proposes Relaxed Coverage Consideration of PET Scans](#)

## Additional Reading

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## Federal Register

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