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"My Medicines" ... This Brochure Can Be a Lifesaver

Can carrying around a brochure help save your life? Yes, if it's the "My Medicines" brochure offered by FDA's Office of Women's Health (OWH). It's designed to help consumers track the medications they use.

My Medicines features a chart that allows you to list information about your prescription medicines, including the names of the medicines, how much you take, when you take them, what condition they are treating, and the number of refills.

The brochure also offers advice

Moving Children From CHIP To Exchange Plans Would Increase Costs: Study

Cost sharing would increase and the number of child-specific services covered would decline if millions of low-income children now enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) were forced to receive coverage through the health law's insurance exchanges, according to a study released Tuesday.

CHIP enrollees in some states could see their cost sharing increase 10-fold if they were transitioned to exchange plans, according to the analysis from the Wakely Consulting Group done for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Those costs include substantial increases in estimated out-of-pocket costs, including deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance. The impact could be even more costly for families who have children with special health care needs.

CHIP provides health insurance to an estimated 8 million low-income children who don't qualify for Medicaid. The study looked at a subgroup of that population - 5.7 million children who were eligible for CHIP in June 2013. The 2010

on how to use labeling information, how to avoid problems with your medicines, and questions you should ask your doctor or pharmacist about your prescriptions.

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New Cancer Treatment Program Benefits Self-Funded Employers

Over the next decade, the number of cancer survivors is expected to increase by 30%, according to the latest data from the American Cancer Society. Improvements in both detection and treatment have led cancer to become, in some cases, more of a chronic condition than a terminal illness. And for employers, cancer is a leading cause of long-term disability.

IT company MolecularHealth, which uses advanced information technologies to understand the role genetics and other molecular changes play in both illness and treatment, has launched a new oncology program for self-funded employers. SAP will make the program available to its employees in the third quarter of 2014.

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health care law funded the program through Sept. 30, 2015, and requires states to maintain eligibility thresholds through Sept. 30, 2019, for children under Medicaid and CHIP that were in place in March 2010, when the law was passed. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., who played a leading role in creating CHIP in 1997, has sponsored legislation to fund the program through 2019.

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EEOC Lawsuit Challenges Orion Energy Wellness Program and Related Firing of Employee

Steep Penalties for Not Participating Said to Make Program Involuntary and Violate Disabilities Act

MILWAUKEE -- Manitowoc, Wis.-based Orion Energy Systems violated federal law by requiring an employee to submit to medical exams and inquiries that were not job-related and consistent with business necessity as part of a so-called "wellness program," which was not voluntary, and then by firing the employee when she objected to the program, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) charged in a lawsuit it filed today.

In a lawsuit filed in Green Bay, Wis., today, the federal agency contends that Orion instituted a wellness program that required medical examinations and made disability-related inquiries. When employee Wendy Schobert declined to participate in the program, Orion shifted responsibility for payment of the entire premium for her employee health benefits from Orion to Schobert. Shortly thereafter, Orion fired Schobert.

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