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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

LGBT Seniors In US Are At Higher Risk Of Depression, Social Isolation, Study Suggests.

The [Miami Herald](#) (2/24, Veciana-Suarez) reported LGBT seniors in the US "are at a higher risk of disability, cardiovascular disease, depression and social isolation," according to a longitudinal [study](#) published in The Gerontologist. Researchers at the University of Washington also found that the population they studied is "resilient, choosing to be active in the community, participate in wellness activities and serve in the military."

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Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Vascular Risk Factors In Midlife May Be Linked To Increased Risk For Dementia Later In Life, Study Suggests.

[Medscape](#) (2/24, Brooks) reported that research offers "more evidence that vascular risk factors in midlife are associated with increased risk for dementia later in life." Researchers found that "smoking, hypertension, and diabetes in midlife were all associated with increased risk for dementia." The study indicated "midlife diabetes raises the risk almost as much as does carrying the APOE ε4 allele, the most important known genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease." The findings were presented at the International Stroke Conference.

Government And Psychiatry

Leaked GOP Draft Replacement Plan Would Repeal Most Important ACA Provisions.

In its lead story, [NBC Nightly News](#) (2/24, lead story, 2:45, Holt) reported that a leaked draft Republican healthcare proposal “obtained by NBC News calls for gutting the individual mandate, meaning no penalty for those who don’t buy insurance,” yet “if healthy people opt out, it could drive up prices for the elderly and sick.” The proposal also calls for eliminating subsidies and giving “tax credits that will be based on age instead of income,” ending Medicaid expansion by “giving states the control to cover lower income patients with grants,” and providing states with “money to create high-risk pools” so that people with pre-existing conditions can still obtain coverage.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/24, Goldstein, Eilperin) reported the House GOP’s plan “would temporarily keep federal money flowing to cover almost the entire cost of people already insured through [Medicaid’s] expansion under the Affordable Care Act, but would block the law’s generous funding for any new participants.” Meanwhile, the Post said the “approach would open a fresh spigot of aid for the 19 Republican-led states that eschewed the ACA’s Medicaid money because of their leaders’ antipathy to the law. This extra aid would probably go to hospitals with a large share of poor and uninsured patients.”

[Politico](#) (2/24, Demko) , which broke the story, reported that the draft proposal “would take down the foundation of” the ACA, “including the unpopular individual mandate, subsidies based on people’s income, and all of the law’s taxes.” In addition, it would significantly reduce “Medicaid spending and give states money to create high risk pools for some people with pre-existing conditions.”

Similarly, [The Hill](#) (2/24, Sullivan) reported that the draft measure “would dismantle the core aspects of the healthcare law and replace them with a system centered on a new tax credit” of \$2,000 to \$4,000, depending on people’s age. It would include “\$10 billion per year in ‘state innovation grants,’ which are a version of high-risk pools but appear to allow for a broader array of uses for the money by states.”

GOP Governors Working On Proposals That Would Require Adult Medicaid Recipients To Work.

The [New York Times](#) (2/25, A1, Goodnough, Subscription Publication) reported on its front page that Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson “is among a number of Republican governors hoping to impose a work requirement on Medicaid recipients,” which the Times suggested is one of several “change[s] that would most likely result in many people losing coverage.” The paper examined the GOP’s replacement plan for the Affordable Care Act, and said it “shows just how far some Republican leaders hope to go in overhauling a program that has grown under the [ACA] to insure one in five Americans, including more than half of the roughly 20 million people who have gained coverage under the health law.” The Times pointed out that “even as divisions among Republicans in Congress slow efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, Mr. Hutchinson and other Republican governors are developing proposals to require many Medicaid recipients to have a job, participate in job training or perform community service.”

Some Republicans Mulling High-Risk Pools Due To Difficulty Of Replacing ACA’s Pre-Existing Condition Mandate.

The [AP](#) (2/25, Johnson, Alonso-Zaldivar) reported that as GOP lawmakers attempt “to unite around a replacement for the Affordable Care Act, one of the most popular parts of the law will be among the most difficult to replace: the guarantee of health coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.” As a result, some Republicans in Congress are mulling whether to ask states to re-establish high-risk pools. One healthcare expert observed, “It’s definitely a hand-off to the states.”



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