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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Veterans May Be More Likely To Commit Suicide During The First Year After Leaving The Military, Study Indicates.

[Reuters](#) (10/27, Rapaport) reports, "Veterans may be more likely to commit suicide during the first year after they leave the military than after more time passes," researchers found after analyzing "data collected on almost 3.8 million current and former service members from 2001 to 2011." The [findings](#) were published online Sept. 30 in The Lancet Psychiatry.

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CMS Blocking More Insurers From "Seamless Conversion."

The [Washington Post](#) (10/27, Jaffe) carries a Kaiser Health News story reporting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services "is temporarily blocking more health insurance companies from automatically moving customers who become eligible for Medicare into Medicare Advantage plans while officials review the controversial practice." According to a memo from Michael Crochunis, the acting director of CMS' Medicare Enrollment and Appeals Group, the agency will soon issue rules governing the practice, which is known as "seamless conversion." The article points out that many groups have urged CMS to review the practice and change the program.

Analysis Indicates More Counties Than Ever Will Have Just One ACA Option In 2017.

The [AP](#) (10/27, Hoyer, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports consumers who are



shopping for healthcare coverage for 2017 through Affordable Care Act marketplaces “will have less choice next year than any time since the program started,” according to an analysis conducted by Avalere Health on behalf of the AP. Data show some “one-third of US counties will have only one health marketplace insurer next year,” which translates into “more than 1,000 counties in 26 states – roughly double the number of counties in 2014, the first year of coverage through the program.”

Psychiatric Medication Update

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Patient Information Program Appears To Increase Adherence To Paliperidone Palmitate Or Risperidone, Research Suggests.

[Healio](#) (10/27, Oldt) reports, “Approximately 80% of individuals involved in a patient information program were adherent to long-acting injectable paliperidone palmitate or risperidone medication,” researchers found after conducting “a retrospective cohort study of more than 30,000 patients enrolled in the program.” The findings were presented at the US Psychiatric and Mental Health Congress.

Other News

Dementia Can Wreak Havoc On Even The Best Financial Planning For Retirement.

The [Washington Post](#) (10/27, Hamilton) reports that dementia, including Alzheimer’s, “can wreak havoc on even the best financial planning for retirement.” Nina Silverberg, program director of the National Institute on Aging’s Alzheimer’s Disease Centers Program, said, “I think it’s important for people to have some awareness that financial problems can be some of the most notable symptoms’ of dementia.” According to the Post, “dementia can manifest itself in unpaid bills, giving away money needed for living expenses to charities or to the phone and Internet scams or other poor financial decisions.” People with dementia may have to leave the “workplace early,” thereby diminishing their future Social Security benefits. The article advises people to have “a health-care power of attorney or living will naming someone you trust to make health-care decisions if you are incapable, designating someone to take care of your finances and having a regular will to distribute your assets when you die.”

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