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Illinois State Capitol

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AACU News

AACU and UrologyTimes.com:
Single-payer proposals crop up at state, federal level

Sen. Bernie Sanders' campaign for the Democratic Party's nomination for president reminds many Americans that single-payer health care proposals often pop up in his home state of Vermont. Proponents of universal health care wield great influence not only in Montpelier, however. Lawmakers in state capitals across the country, as well as Washington, are weighing various so-called "public options."



State-level single-payer legislation has been introduced in 26 states at one time or another. Of the 16 campaigns launched in 2015-2016, a few proposals remain active in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, California, Minnesota, Oregon, and elsewhere.

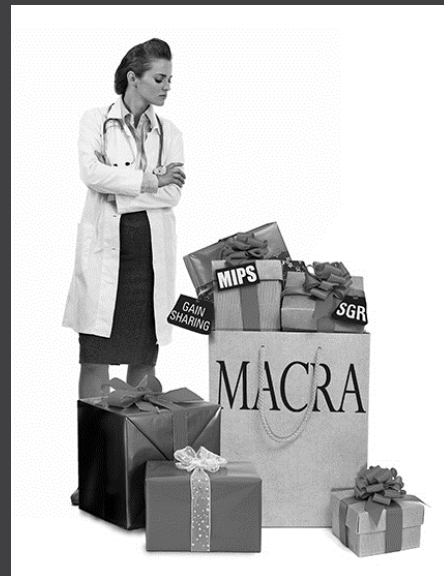
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Leaders of organizations representing urologists, as well as State Society Network Physician Representatives and AACU members are encouraged to SAVE THE DATE for the 9th Annual State Advocacy Conference, scheduled for August 19-20, 2016, in Metropolitan Chicago.

State Round-Up

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CT: Governor names certificate of need task force

FL: Regulators OK Anthem-Cigna insurance deal; FL: State settles 10-year Medicaid provider access suit

IA: Gov. Branstad Urges Repeal of State's Certificate of Need Laws; IA: Iowa implements Medicaid managed care program

IL: Budget impasse leads to 5% pay cut for SIU physicians

LA: Hospitals to help pay for Medicaid expansion under plan being finalized

MN: Insurer UCare to get boost from merger with Fairview Health Services

NC: Certificate Of Need Law: Diagnosing Dysfunction

NH: Is 'Right to Try' Right for New Hampshire?; NH: Senate Approves Extending Medicaid Expansion Program

NY: Budget talks clear Medicaid hurdle; NY: Study shows avoidable emergency room costs

OH: Ohio readies waiver to require cost-sharing in Medicaid

OK: Oklahoma eyes Obamacare funds, but without expansion

OR: Health leaders offer remedy for 'measurement fatigue'

TN: Lawmakers pursue CON reform; TN: Opinion: Bill would ruin certificate of need program

TX: Health insurers fear Texas trial lawyers are seeking billions, but attorneys say that's hype

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