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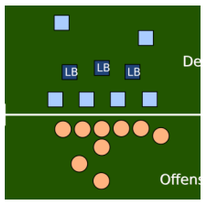

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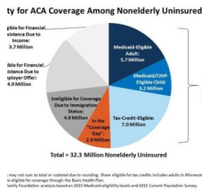

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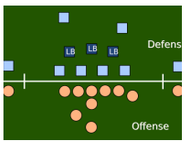

At the recent Families USA Health Action Conference 2016: Next Steps in Health Reform (#HA2016), the need to play both offense and defense was very much on display. As the agenda shows, one whole track of the conference was devoted to highlighting advocacy approaches to expand Medicaid in the states that have still not done so.

The Financial Strip Mining of Health Care

What implications do you see coming from the mergers and consolidations in health care?

Health Care Cabinet Explores How to Ensure Health Care is Affordable

Yesterday, the Health Care Cabinet dug deep into health care pricing as part of their new charge—recommending cost containment models for the state. As part of SB 811 (now Public Act 15-146), the legislature required the Health Care Cabinet to conduct a study, and ultimately generate recommendations, on cost containment models for Connecticut.

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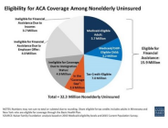

Both Democratic presidential candidates are calling for universal health coverage, though they disagree sharply on how to get there. Here's the bottom line: There is no single program or policy likely to achieve full coverage of the complex collection of subgroups who make up the remaining uninsured in the U.S. except for a single-payer strategy.

Key Quote:

"As long as there are barriers to economic and educational opportunities, as well as social and political equity, obstacles will also remain in the way of full health care." - Kafi Rouse,
Planned Parenthood of Southern New England

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