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# Media Clips

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Mar. 16, 2026 – Apr. 24, 2026

Since our last board meeting, the media coverage includes:

- Health insurance costs rise for people across the country, leading to cuts in household spending
- Affordable Care Act reaches 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- California lawmakers consider single-payer health care plan
- CMS continues its push toward exposing and prosecuting fraud
- Healthcare and affordability rising as key issues ahead of midterm elections

### PRESS RELEASES

*None to report*

### PRINT & BROADCAST

*Articles of Significance*

[The Health Divide: Older and rural Americans hit hardest as ACA subsidies expire and costs soar](#)

USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism ..... Mar. 16, 2026

[Reckoning with state and federal cuts, Los Angeles safety-net clinics push for new tax](#)

LAist ..... Mar. 16, 2026

[Federal cuts revive lawmaker’s push for single-payer health care](#)

Los Angeles Wave ..... Mar. 16, 2026

[Lawsuits against Trump administration's health policy changes](#)

Reuters ..... Mar. 16, 2026

[The Caregiver Who Can’t Afford Health Care](#)

Progressive ..... Mar. 16, 2026

[CMS’ New Approach to Federal Medicaid Spending in Cases of Potential Fraud](#)

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<a href="#"><u>Eight Trends Shaping 2026 Healthcare Costs</u></a>	
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<a href="#"><u>Covered California enrollees: Staying insured, but settling for less health services</u></a>	
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