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Healthcare Roundup: Health experts urge a payment overhaul

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Experts would prefer a government authority sets the rates, or an all-payer system.

As the Obama administration struggles to keep employers from dropping coverage because of healthcare reform's new mandates, a slew of new reports this week examine ways to keep costs down.

States can't afford Medicaid expansion: The healthcare reform law's expansion of Medicaid will bankrupt many states, the conservative National Center for Policy Analysis says in a new report. The brief looks at several factors — the cost of enrolling the already eligible, low Medicaid provider payments, lower payments for safety net hospitals and a crowd-out of private insurance — and concludes that states will find their share unaffordable, with reform costing Texas $27 billion through 2023. http://bit.ly/cbk0KQ