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From KFF Health News KFF Health News Original Stories 1 Even if Congress strikes a deal soon to extend more generous Affordable Care Act subsidies the prices and types of ACA plans available could change dramatically Unprecedented uncertainty and upheaval could cloud this 2025 open enrollment season which begins in most states on Saturday Amanda Seitz and Julie Appleby October 28 2 Health care professionals fear that new caps on federal student lending set to start in July will put medical school out of reach for many who want to become doctors and exacerbate physician shortages Others say unlimited federal lending has fed a rise in academic costs saddling families and ultimately taxpayers with debt Bernard J Wolfson October 28 3 A medical student DIY project brings An Arm and a Leg listeners together with new tools to fight medical debt Dan Weissmann October 28 Here is the health policy haiku for today HURDLES TO HEALTH CARE Doctor please see me I want to be healthy now You are out of network Haikus follow the format of 5 then 7 then 5 syllables Summaries Of The News Spending And Fiscal Battles 5 The president of the American Federation of Government Employees suggested that negotiations over the health care demands of Democrats should continue only after the government is reopened Separately news outlets cover the **Obamacare price hikes headed for residents in New Jersey Illinois Arizona and Colorado** The New York Times The largest union of federal workers called on Monday for Congress to pass a spending bill to immediately end the government shutdown effectively siding with President Trump and Republicans who have opposed Democratic efforts to restore health care spending Both political parties have made their point and still there is no clear end in sight Cameron October 27 Politico Here is Where The 7 Most Vulnerable House Republicans Stand On An ACA Extension House Republicans in the toughest races in the country are not on board to extend expiring Obamacare subsidies yet The Cook Political Report a nonpartisan election handicapper detailed seven House Republican races in the toss up category ahead of the 2026 midterms The races are likely to be close next year and even a small shift could decide the House majority Republicans currently hold a six seat margin that is slated to shrink to five when a newly elected Democrat is sworn in King October 27 States brace for higher ACA costs Politico New Jerseyans who purchase health insurance through the state exchange will see an average increase of nearly 175 percent in their premiums next year the Murphy administration announced Monday The state Department of Banking and Insurance said the sticker shock is attributed to the expiration of enhanced federal health insurance subsidies which have been the key sticking point of the federal government shutdown Han October 27 Chicago Tribune Illinois residents will pay an average of 78 percent more across the state for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act exchange if Congress does not extend enhanced premium tax credits the issue at the heart of the current government shutdown state regulators said Monday Schencker October 27 KJZZ Phoenix What To Expect If Obamacare Premiums Hit As Much As 2000 dollars A Month In Arizona I do think that people are either going to forego care or we are going to see a huge rise in

uncompensated care And the system at this point really cannot take the additional burden of more uncompensated care Brodie October 27 The Colorado Sun The average person in Colorado who buys health insurance without help from an employer will see what they pay more than double next year as the state released final prices before open enrollment begins next week Ingold October 28 KFF Health News A Ticking Clock How States Are Preparing For A Last Minute Obamacare Deal One family in Virginia Beach Virginia just found out their health plan deductible will jump from 800 dollars to 20000 dollars next year About 200 miles north in Maryland another household learned they will pay 500 dollars more monthly to insure their brood in 2026 And thousands of people in Idaho were greeted with insurance rates that will cost on average 100 dollars more every month As shopping season opens for Affordable Care Act plans in some states customers are confronting staggering costs for their health insurance next year The extra federal subsidies put in place in 2021 that made coverage more affordable for millions of people will expire at the end of this year unless a gridlocked and idle Congress acts Seitz and Appleby October 28 More health news from the Trump administration CNN Trump Administration Delays Release Of New Dietary Guidelines Amid Shutdown The Trump administration is delaying the release of new national dietary guidelines after the government shutdown disrupted efforts to finalize the overhaul by the end of October officials said Cancryn and Owerlohle October 27 KFF Health News Many Fear Federal Loan Caps Will Deter Aspiring Doctors And Worsen MD Shortage Medical educators and health professionals warn that new federal student loan caps in the Trump tax cut law could make it more expensive for many people to become doctors and could exacerbate physician shortages nationwide They warn the economic burden will steer many medical students to lucrative specialties in more affluent urban areas rather than lower paying primary care jobs in underserved and rural communities where doctors are in shortest supply Wolfson October 28 Health Care Costs Modern Healthcare CVS Health To Close 16 Oak Street Health Clinics CVS Health plans to close 16 Oak Street Health sites by the end of February due to financial challenges including higher medical costs The company which is in the midst of a 2 billion dollar cost cutting strategy said Monday it will continue to operate 230 centers across 27 states following the closures The move positions Oak Street Health for sustainable long term growth as we continue to navigate external challenges such as elevated medical costs Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services risk adjustment model changes and health plan payer dynamics CVS Health said in a statement DeSilva October 27 Mississippi Today Leader Of Greenwood Hospital Says Dispute With Mississippi Medicaid Could Lead To Reduced Services Greenwood Leflore Hospital plagued by financial hardship for years saw a bright spot this spring when it was selected for a new federal payment status But a dispute with Mississippi Medicaid could jeopardize the ability of the Greenwood public hospital to keep services open if a resolution is not reached its leader says Access to services will be reduced for residents of the central Delta region Interim CEO Gary Marchand told Mississippi Today He said no decisions about service changes have been made yet Dilworth October 27 The Hill Many Voters Say Health Care Unaffordable Are Open To New Insurance System Poll New polling has found that the majority of voters say health care in the US is unaffordable and are open to a health insurance system that does not tie coverage to employment Undue Medical Debt a nonprofit that works to eliminate medical debt and supports policies to prevent new debt sponsored the poll which was led by the nonpartisan research firm Perry Udem Along with a national survey focus groups were also asked for their opinions on health care Choi October 27 Fierce Healthcare Patients Are Blaming Insurers For Medical Debt Survey US consumers across the political spectrum are largely in favor of new legal protections against medical debt and the majority are laying blame at the feet of the insurance industry rather than other healthcare players like hospitals or drugmakers according to a new national survey The poll of 1319 2024 general election voters fielded between Aug 21 and Sept 2 2025 found about 35 percent currently owed money or have debts due

to medical and dental expenses Eighty four percent said they believed having health insurance should protect people from medical debt and 74 percent said the current health insurance system of this country is mostly failing in protecting from medical debt Muoio October 27 KFF Health News An Arm and a Leg A Listener DIY Project Helps Others Deal With High Medical Bills In April Thomas Sanford a medical student who regularly listens to An Arm and a Leg set out to create a resource he could easily share with patients to help them deal with unaffordable medical bills In this mini episode host Dan Weissmann talks with Sanford about how handing out charity care information on tiny cards snowballed into an ever growing list of resources to erase medical debt They discuss the inspiration behind his project the role An Arm and a Leg listeners played in building it and how others can contribute Weissmann October 28

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United States Confused homeowner seeks honest input about installing a high tech HVAC in 56 year old home The Cool Down Heat pumps are more energy efficient than traditional home heating and cooling solutions and because of their efficiency they also qualify for United States Consumer Reports Data Shows These Are The 2 Best Heat Pump Brands Of 2025 So Far Yahoo Heat pumps are frequently one of the most popular items that homeowners are investing in According to Consumer Reports these two brands have the United States Disgruntled homeowner goes off after exposing frustrating trend among HVAC installers The Cool Down heat pump Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act you could score up to an 8000 dollar rebate for a heat pump until 2031 or while funding lasts United States Engineer calls out uproar over high tech HVAC systems gaining popularity The Cool Down Heat pumps offer long term savings because they can be more energy efficient than traditional heating and air conditioning units

United States EPA faces sweeping lawsuit to reinstate 7 billion dollars in solar panel incentives The Cool Down Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act you could score up to an 8000 dollar rebate for a heat pump until 2031 or while funding lasts RAWSEP View If you are hoping Solar For All will be reinstated here is an AI Overview A coalition of 19 states, tribal governments, and other groups has filed a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency EPA to reinstate 7 billion dollars in funding for the Solar for All program The plaintiffs argue that the EPA cancellation of the grants was illegal and unconstitutional as the funding was already legally obligated by Congress and the EPA did not have the authority to terminate it The lawsuit seeks to have the grants reinstated arguing that their cancellation will harm low income communities and cause job losses In addition to California and Arizona, states participating in the lawsuits include Maryland Colorado Connecticut Hawaii Illinois Kentucky Maine Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Nevada New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island Vermont Washington Wisconsin and the city of Washington DC

United States Harnessing the American Heat Pump Moment Hacker News I have a heat pump water heater and a heat pump heating system in my HVAC Especially with rebate & incentive stacks in many places a heat pump While I get that these heat pumps are better for the environment and much more efficient it is a last mile issue The installers charge an arm and a leg United States Heat pumps still too expensive for third of homes Yahoo survey found that just one in three homeowners were open to installing a heat pump and of these 66pc were put off by the cost The Government United States Homeowner stunned after hopping on growing HVAC trend that puts older systems to shame The Cool Down Heat pumps save homeowners an average of nearly 400 dollars annually on their energy costs Reliable heat pump brands like Mitsubishi help homeowners choose United States New multistate report reveals key strategies to help homeowners burdened by costly utilities Cool Down Heat pump

adoption is on the rise as homeowners look for ways to save. However, some households may still qualify for federal rebate programs even in the United States. Rheem Supports Heat Pump Water Heater Day Efforts Morningstar. Heat pump water heating systems offer homeowners the comfort and convenience of modern living and this technology will play a significant role in the United States. Tired of your old stove? Many American homeowners can receive over 800 dollars in government rebates. The Cool Down. While the federal tax credits for home improvements like solar panels and heat pumps will expire by the end of the year, the induction stove rebates

California. San Francisco. Bay Area Air District responds to concerns over Spare the Air Alert increase. Times herald online dot com. wood smoke exposure. Even assuming a free source of wood and frequent burning, the added cost for using another source of heat on the additional

Colorado. Chaffee County. Buena Vista. Commissioners continue discussion of draft burn ordinance. The Mountain Mail. Commissioner P T Wood said the draft has some good stuff in there and the county needs a modern updated burn policy. Hopefully you guys can all. Commissioners heard a brief update from local fire officials before continuing discussion of Ordinance 2025 03 which would restrict open fires and open burning in unincorporated areas of Chaffee County and provide penalties for violation.

Massachusetts. Bedford. FW Webb launches online rebate center. Supply House Times. For example, a contractor in Bedford MA might see rebates for a Rheem 5 ton side discharge universal heat pump from the Endeavor Line Prestige.

New York. Long Island. PSEG Long Island Hosts 3 Events Offers up to 78 dollars per Month Aid PEG Stock News. Stock Titan. Energy-saving tips and rebate details including smart thermostat and heat pump rebates are available at p s e g l i n y dot com save energy and money.

Washington. Seattle. Financial and environmental benefits of installing a heat pump. The Seattle Times. When a home uses a heat pump instead of standard electric resistance heating, tax credit or a rebate says Moscatello. Specialists at the Daikin. We have advanced technologically with those heat pumps such that they can save more energy, produce more comfort, and have more of an environmental benefit. Washington. Vancouver. Utility company offers up to 1500 dollars for home upgrades. This is definitely a priority. News Break. The heat pump water heater rebate is just one part of the Clark Public Utilities larger program of incentives and rebates that offers residents money. The Cool Down. Clark Public Utilities in Washington has raised the incentive for its heat pump water heater rebate program to 1500 dollars.

Australia. Brazil. Canada. Chile. China. New Zealand. Taiwan. Thailand. Impact of global short term landscape fire sourced PM 2 POINT 5 exposure on child cause specific morbidity. Nature. Here we show that short term exposure to LFS PM 2 POINT 5 is associated with increased hospital admissions for multiple diseases in children and adolescents. PubMed. Children are particularly vulnerable to landscape fire sourced fine particulate matter LFS PM 2 POINT 5, yet evidence on its health effects remains AI Overview. LFS PM 2 POINT 5 refers to landscape fire sourced fine particulate matter which is the tiny particulate matter PM 2 point 5 produced by fires such as wildfires that are used in land management or ignite from natural causes. PM2 point 5 are particulate matter with a diameter of 2 point 5 micrometers or smaller and when they come from landscape fires, they can have significant, sometimes temporary health impacts especially on children and adolescents. LFS Acronym for landscape fire sourced. Health effects: Increased hospital admissions. Short term exposure to LFS PM2 point 5 is linked to more hospital admissions for various conditions in children and adolescents. Respiratory and cardiovascular problems. Exposure can increase the

risk of asthma heart disease and other cardiovascular issues Other risks Studies have also associated exposure with increased hospital admissions for neurological digestive and cancer related conditions Why it is a concern High concentrations The concentration of LFS PM 2 POINT 5 can become extremely high during and after landscape fire events persisting for weeks Penetration into the body Its small size allows it to be deeply inhaled into the lungs and can even enter the bloodstream causing inflammation and other health problems Summary of LFS PM 2 POINT 5 levels and hospital admissions Communities in Brazil Chile and Thailand experienced higher LFS PM 2 POINT 5 levels compared with other regions The median concentration of LFS PM 2 POINT 5 was 1 point 2 micrograms per cubic meter INTERQUARTILE RANGE IQR 25th–75th 0 Point 4 to 3 point 4 micrograms per cubic meter Among the study locations Chile recorded the highest LFS PM2 point 5 exposure with a median concentration of 9 point 5 micrograms per cubic meter INTERQUARTILE RANGE IQR 5 point 1 to 15 point 5 micrograms per cubic meter followed by Brazil 2 point 2 micrograms per cubic meter INTERQUARTILE RANGE IQR 0 point 9 to 5 point 7 micrograms per cubic meter and Thailand 1 point 6 micrograms per cubic meter INTERQUARTILE RANGE IQR 0 point 6 to 7 point 7 micrograms per cubic meter Moderate levels were observed in Australia 1 point 1 micrograms per cubic meter INTERQUARTILE RANGE IQR 0 point 5–2 point 5 micrograms per cubic meter and Taiwan 1 point 1 micrograms per cubic meter INTERQUARTILE RANGE IQR 0 point 5 to 1 point 9 micrograms per cubic meter while New Zealand 0 point 7 micrograms per cubic meter INTERQUARTILE RANGE IQR 0 point 3 to 1 point 6 micrograms per cubic meter had slightly lower levels The lowest LFS PM2 point 5 concentrations were recorded in Canada 0 point 3 micrograms per cubic meter INTERQUARTILE RANGE IQR 0 point 1 to 1 point 0 micrograms per cubic meter During 2000 to 2019 67 point 9 million all cause 31 point 4 million 46 point 3 percent girls hospital admissions among children and adolescents aged 0 to 19 years were recorded Authors and Affiliations Brisbane Queensland Australia Hobart Tasmania Australia Melbourne Victoria Australia Perth Western Australia Sydney New South Wales Australia São Paulo Brazil Ottawa Ontario Canada Santiago Chile Chongqing China Wellington New Zealand Taipei Taiwan Nakhon Pathom Thailand

United Kingdom Banning domestic wood burning could save 16500 life years annually Air Quality News Air pollution from wood and coal burning in homes is contributing to thousands of premature deaths each year according to a new health assessment United Kingdom Domestic wood burners kill thousands and cost NHS millions a year report suggests The BMJ Mums for Lungs accused the government of not following through on commitments to tighten emissions limits on wood burning stoves This is a public health issue Wood burning is a leading source of fine particulate pollution in the UK8 and the percentage of homes with wood burners rose from 9 point 4 percent in 2022 to United Kingdom Ending domestic wood burning could save the NHS 54 million pounds a year ITV News ITVX Burning wood and coal at home contributes to the death of nearly 2500 people each year in the UK according to research ITV National News United Kingdom Heat pumps judged quiet and efficient Cooling Post UK Panasonic air source heat pumps have replaced two outdated and inefficient chillers providing air conditioning to a 200 year old court United Kingdom United Kingdom The hidden health costs of wood burning stoves and open fires ITV News ITVX Burning wood and coal at home contributes to the death of nearly 2500 people each year in the UK according to research ITV National News Neighbors moan to councils about wood burners every 35 minutes Daily Mail Figures show 15195 official complaints were made about smoke pollution created by wood burning between August 2024 and September 2025 United Kingdom No prosecutions made after 15195 wood burning complaints in a year in England The Guardian In smoke control areas alone 9274 complaints were made a 65 percent increase on the previous year In these areas households may burn

wood or other United Kingdom **Only one prosecution made after 15195 wood burning complaints in a year in England** The Guardian In these areas households may burn wood or other fuels only in stoves approved by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs Defra United Kingdom **Thousands of complaints about wood burning stoves but only 24 fines** The Times Burning wood is one of the top contributors to PM 2 POINT 5 particulate air pollution but councils are not enforcing the rules that protect health United Kingdom England Towards Cleaner Air PM 2 POINT 5 Exposure and Disparities Around Childcare Providers in England ScienceDirect dot com Air pollution poses a significant health risk for young children particularly in urban and deprived areas Exposure to fine particulate matter PM 2 POINT 5 United Kingdom **Wood burners linked to 2500 deaths a year in the UK analysis finds** The Guardian **Use of wood burning stoves and fires in homes is mostly unnecessary** and their toxic pollution costs the NHS millions United Kingdom **Wood burners linked to 2500 deaths a year in the UK council backed study claims** Daily Mail **Nonessential domestic burning of wood** and coal is one of the biggest sources of toxic fine particle air pollution in the UK according to a report was United Kingdom **Wood burning fires in homes linked to 2500 deaths a year in the UK study says** The Independent **Wood burners produce a fine particulate matter linked to thousands of asthma and diabetes cases** AOL dot com **Open fires and wood burning stoves are one of the biggest sources of small pollution particles** This fine particulate matter PM 2 POINT 5 can penetrate deep into the lungs United Kingdom **Wood burning fires in homes linked to 2500 deaths a year in the UK report says** The Independent **Burning wood and coal in homes contributes to about 2500 deaths a year a report has found** **Open fires and wood burning stoves are one of the biggest** United Kingdom **Wood Burning Linked To Nearly 2500 UK Deaths A Year Study Finds** Forbes **The new research claims air pollution from burning wood in the home contributes an average of 3741 new cases of diabetes and 1493 new cases of** United Kingdom **Wood burning stoves linked to 2500 deaths a year study finds** STV News STV Player **Microscopic particles released by burning fuel can penetrate deep into the lungs and bloodstream affecting every organ in the body** United Kingdom **Scotland Home Insulation and Heat Pump Help** BBC **In Scotland If you are struggling to heat your home you could be eligible for support from the Scottish Government funded Warmer Homes Scotland**

India **Delhi pollution Day after Diwali India capital wakes up to toxic haze** BBC **On Tuesday the Air Quality Index AQI in Delhi was 360** The AQI measures the level of PM 2 POINT 5 fine particulate matter that can clog lungs and cause India **PM 2 POINT 5 rising Diwali hangover hits the lungs of the city** Ludhiana News **The Times of India** **Meanwhile data of average PM 2 POINT 5 Particulate matter with diameter of 2 point 5 micrometers or less that pose a significant health risk three days** Iran **Tehran** **Association between exposure to PM 2 POINT 5 and Black Carbon and risk of Childhood Leukemia** Science Direct dot com **Annual concentrations of PM 2 POINT 5 and BC were estimated using the Gradient Boosting Machine GBM algorithm integrating ground based measurements with** China **Analysis of the correlation between PM 2 point 5 and PM 10 concentrations and the epidemiology** Nature **This study aimed to analyze the epidemiological characteristics of severe Mycoplasma pneumoniae in the pediatric intensive care unit PICU of** China **Decadal variability of PM 2 POINT 5 associated nitrate in the megacity of Beijing China** ScienceDirect dot com **Atmospheric nitrate NO3 a key component of fine particulate matter PM 2 POINT 5 significantly impacts air quality and climate** China **The Interplay of Urban Landscape and PM 2 POINT 5 Exposure Disparities A Machine Learning** ScienceDirect dot com **Fine particulate matter with a diameter of less than 2 point 5 micrometers PM2 point 5 is a significant contributor to air pollution**