Esri Health and Human Services GIS Conference: Media Panel

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Our core topics - essential coverage areas for health journalists

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- Aging
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- Medical studies
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Health journalism, data and maps
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“Walk-in health clinics have been popping up across New Jersey as a more convenient way for people to get nonemergency care, but they may not be in the best location to serve the neediest residents, according to new data from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.”

http://www.njspotlight.com/stories/15/06/03/walk-in-clinics/
“In some parts of the state, especially the Central Valley, the increases were far higher. The rate of emergency room visits for children 5 and older more than doubled in rural Madera County and nearly doubled in Merced.”
“At a time when many rural hospitals across the country are on life support, ... controversial Medicaid expansion has resuscitated hospitals ... .”

[Image: Financial Performance of Not-for-Profit Hospitals in Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States]

http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20150606/MAGAZINE/306069979
“Seven other rural hospitals have closed since 2001 and dozens more are hemorrhaging money at an alarming rate . . . .”
“In just 80 years, some 2,000 square miles of its coastal landscape have turned to open water, wiping places off maps … .”

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https://projects.propublica.org/louisiana/
Idahoans with mental illness lack options. Idaho has a shortage of psychiatrists and few treatment centers. It doesn't have enough mental-health funding for the state's poorest residents. So, more people are accessing mental health care once they're in the midst of a crisis, putting the financial burden on local governments.
“Fueled by high reimbursement rates and scant regulation, the rapid growth of the helicopter EMS industry over the past 15 years has transformed what many consider a life-saving service into an industry fraught with safety concerns but little oversight.”
