



# Health Watch USA Newsletter

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## **Nursing-Sensitive Value-Based Purchasing. Financial incentives designed to assure adequate nursing and to lower adverse events**

**Policy report published in the Journal of Nursing Scholarship -- Free Access Download of the Study.**

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1547-5069.2012.01469.x/full>



Magnet Hospitals Were Found to have Fewer Surgical Deaths.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23047129>

In a Supportive Practice Environment, Nurses Intercept and Prevent More Medication Errors <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22510244>

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## **Non-Payment for Preventable Infections in US Hospitals was Not Found to Reduce Infection Rates.**

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMsa1202419>

This is not an unexpected finding since Medicare is paid under a DRG system which is a partial bundled payment. Due to complexities in hospital billing, the maximum payment can usually be achieved even if a patient develops a Hospital Acquired Condition. In the first year of CMS's non-payment of hospital acquired conditions, only \$18.8 million dollars was recouped nationwide.

<http://www.healthwatchusa.org/publications/201107-Documents/FY2011%20Final%20IPPS%20rule%20HACs.pdf>

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## **Preventable Medical Errors May Cost as Much as 1 Trillion Dollars Annually**

[http://www.mediregs.com/economics\\_of\\_quality\\_care](http://www.mediregs.com/economics_of_quality_care)

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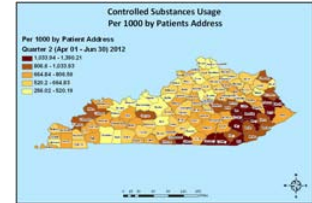
## Psychotropic Agents Being Prescribed at an Alarming Rate

"Psychiatrist Contends the Field Is 'Committing Professional Suicide'"

<http://www.kentucky.com/2012/10/09/2365969/use-of-antipsychotic-drugs-up.html>

Antipsychotic Drug Usage has markedly increased in Kentucky's children and minorities.

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Kentucky has One of the Highest Rates of Narcotic Usage in the Nation

<http://www.kentucky.com/2012/10/09/2365891/kentucky-medicaid-patients-prescribed.html>

## 2012 Health Watch USA Conference Registration is Now Open

This year's conference will cover Healthcare Overutilization, Shared Decision Making and Value Purchasing -- Continuing Education Credits for 6.5 hours have been approved for MD, RN, LPN, ARNP, OT, and PT. 7.25 hrs for Human Resource Managers (PHR, SPHR and GPHR). CLE credits are pending. ( AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup> )

Speakers: Among the nationally renowned speakers on Overutilization, Shared Decision Making and Unnecessary Healthcare are Rosemary Gibson, Patty Skolnik, Dr. Leana Wen and Dr. Joycelyn Elders.

Speakers on obtaining high quality, low cost, safe care are Dr. Richard Wild (CMS), Tahisha Rawlins (AARP), Karen Curtiss, Chandra Venettozzi (KY CHFS) and Howard Blackburn Jr. (SHRM).

Health Watch USA Presenters include Dr. Said Abusalem and Dr. Daniel Saman who will present on measures of quality, and Helen Bukulmez, JD who will present on medical devices.

Nov. 9th, 2012, Four Points Sheraton in Lexington, Kentucky.  
Go To: [www.healthconference.org](http://www.healthconference.org) for more information.

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