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Health Care Reform and How It May Impact the Federal Community

What change will health care reform bring to the federal workforce? As the lengthy debate continues, and the legislation twists and turns through Congress, the federal community may not be isolated from these changes. The impact on the more than 8 million people under the FEHB may be different than anyone envisioned when the debate started.

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Federal Employee Salary Explosion

Federal employees making salaries of \$100,000 or more jumped from 14% to 19% of civil servants during the recession's first 18 months--before counting overtime pay and bonuses. The growth in large salaries has pushed the average federal worker's pay to \$71,206, compared with \$40,331 in the private sector.

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House Approves \$1.1 Trillion Spending Bill

The House has passed a spending bill giving domestic programs their third major boost this year and giving lawmakers more than 5,000 home-state spending projects. It also includes a pay raise for federal employees in 2010 that would average 2%.

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Last Minute Health Insurance Shopping

If you are still trying to decide which health insurance company to select under the FEHB, here are several questions you should ask yourself before making a final decision.

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FAA Administrator Admits Mishandling Whistleblower Case



The FAA administrator admitted to U.S. senators that the agency mishandled the case of an air traffic controller booted from the control tower after raising concerns about dangerous runways at Newark Liberty International Airport.

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Raising the Debt Ceiling by \$1.4 Trillion



"In a bold but risky year-end strategy, Democrats are preparing to raise the federal debt ceiling by as much as \$1.8 trillion before New Year's rather than have to face the issue again prior to the 2010 elections."

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U.S. Credit Rating May Be at Risk With Huge Deficits

The United States and Great Britain have been put on notice that the credit ratings of these countries are at risk. A credit-rating downgrade would increase the cost of borrowing by raising the interest rates Treasury would have to pay to induce investors to buy the amount of Treasury debt needed to be sold to continue financing U.S. trillion-dollar federal budget deficits.

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Florida's Economy May Suffer from Shuttle's Demise



NASA activities contribute about \$4 billion to Florida's economy each year. As NASA switches from the Shuttle system to a new program, Florida's economy is likely to suffer.

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Why is Social Security So Hard to Understand?

"I think we can all acknowledge that most people don't understand Social Security, and have difficulty getting their questions answered. So, what can you do if you're ready to consider benefits?"

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White House Issues Federal Labor Relations Executive Order

The President today issued an Executive Order titled "Creating Labor-Management Forums to Improve Delivery of Government Services". The Order is similar to recent versions out for comment and calls for a pilot program on expanding the scope of negotiations between Agencies and their unions including involving unions in current management rights matters.

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