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Who knew health care could be so complicated?

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ACROSS

- 1 Gatekeeper, in HMOs
- 4 Reviews NDAs and ANDAs
- 7 Atul Gawande's safe space?
- 12 Palin called it a death panel
- 14 1983 change to hospital payment
- 15 Current head of CMS
- 16 Vehicle for tax-free spending?
- 18 Equality (in benefits)
- 19 Induce demand
- 20 TUS
- 22 Unfortunately
- 23 "Break a !"
- 25 Marketplace
- enrollment on Nov 1
 27 Plan for gaming
- werewolves?
- 33 Saturn moon, but without vowels
- 34 And colleagues
- 35 Subtract?
- 36 Prior, shortened
- 37 34 Across, for example
- 39 This, Sp.
- 40 Fed gov't will have to do with risk corridor payments

- 42 Low zero?
- 43 Final month of 59 Across, abbr.
- 44 Incentive to spend more carefully
- 47 Program that regulates testing labs
- 48 "Ugh!"
- 49 Not quite nonparametric
- 52 Acronym for a lengthy admission, perhaps
- 54 Male helpers?
- 59 Sebelius
- 61 When the pathologist was actually out-of-network
- 63 Fellowship dude?
- 64 World-renowned, hip doctor
- 65 Order
- 66 Catch some Z's
- 67 Brew of medical groups?
- 68 Spread stats

DOWN

- 1 Where little lives are saved
 - Breathing machine, but for sleep apnea

- 3 Soften blows
- 4 Determines Medicaid thresholds, but redundant
- 5 Recently invoked to due to the pandemic
- 6 Facilities with <24-hour stays
- 7 Often comes with 44 Across
 - High impact in economics and medicine
- 9 Rawls' curtain?
- 10 LA

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- 11 No's
- 13 Two E's?
- 17 200 in ancient Rome
- 18 Slang for police
- 21 Crashed
- 24 Researchers hope to, after a long run?
- 26 Water, Fr.
- 27 ICD-10 Codes I21 to I23
- 28 Young and uninsured
- 29 Drumming of fingers
- 30 It's guaranteed by Obamacare
- 31 Nothing, casually
- 32 Payments that support residents

- 33 Star
- 36 Personal bests
- 38 Cutting Medicare benefits, politically
- 41 Precedes an interesting fact on Twitter
- 45 Zeros
- 46 Lobby for health insurers
- 49 Settings whose coverage depends on a "3-day rule"
- 50 State yet to expand Medicaid, abbr. out loud
- 51 Part of a high school fitness test
- 53 Its recipients qualify for Medicare after 2 years
- 55 MDs and PhDs
- 56 Mine, Sp.
- 57 Entitled to Medicare, after 1972
- 58 Brooklyn ballers
- 60 Hospital P4P measure
- 62 Followed by "excuse me"