

From Around the Network

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Budget Cuts May Affect Vent Users

Families USA published a special report in April 2011, "House Republicans Propose to Slash Funding For Medicaid, Medicare, and Other Health Coverage Programs," that details the harmful impact the budget would have on low-income families and seniors. Families USA's website is an excellent resource that provides additional reports and information on Medicare and Medicaid. www.familiesusa.org/budget-battle/House-Republicans-Slash-Health-Coverage-Funding.pdf



Muscular Dystrophy

The Transitions Resource Center is a new section on the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) website, dedicated to providing resources for young people with pediatric-onset neuromuscular diseases who are "transitioning" from childhood to adulthood.

The Transitions Resource Center offers links, information and support on such topics as college planning, financial aid, getting a job, connecting with mentors, living independently, volunteering with MDA and more. www.mda.org/transitions/

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy announces the Clinic Services Resource web page for patients and families of those affected by Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy. This is an expansion of the DuchenneConnect Registry for those who receive care in the United States. The Clinic Services Resource features a web-based directory that will link patients, families and healthcare providers. www.DuchenneConnect.com ▲