CAHP’s On Target series highlights noteworthy information we believe is valuable to the ongoing California health care dialogue.

The latest On Target comes from a Huffington Post article highlighting that the Affordable Care Act is working: 80-90 percent of those who enrolled during the first open enrollment period followed through with paying their first month’s premiums; premiums for next year are rising just 6 percent, on average — with a weighted average of only 4.2 percent in California; and, the nation’s uninsured rate has dropped by 25 percent — with California’s uninsured rate cut in half.

These 5 Scary Obamacare Predictions Were Dead Wrong [Excerpt]
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1. Prediction: No One Is Going To Pay For Health Insurance
What happened: Just About Everyone Paid For Health Insurance. After we learned that more than 8 million Americans signed up for health insurance on the Obamacare exchanges by April, it became hard to argue that no one would enroll... and the number [who paid their premiums] was more like 80 percent to 90 percent...

2. Prediction: Premiums Are Going To Skyrocket!!
“What happened: Premiums Went Up A Smidge... Forty-six percent of the people who bought plans on the exchanges said the plans were less expensive than the ones they had in 2013, according to a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation survey from March and April...

4. Prediction: Obamacare Is INCREASING The Uninsured Rate!
“What happened: Obamacare DECREASED The Uninsured Rate... All available evidence shows that the uninsured rate is down – way down. According to Gallup, it hasn't been this low since the 1990s.

“The Department of Health and Human Services and the Harvard School of Public Health concluded in a New England Journal of Medicine article that 10.3 million more people have health insurance this year than did last year.”


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