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In the News:

Health Care Still a Reliable Job Creator

The U.S. health care sector added a further 22,000 jobs in March, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), keeping it the country's largest source of jobs.

Hospitals and ambulatory health services in particular saw strong growth.

Health care as a whole has added 304,000 over the past year, outpacing even retail and manufacturing.

To read the summary of the BLS report, click [here](#).

CDC: Healthcare Workers Have Highest Asthma Prevalence

Health care workers have the highest rates of asthma of any industry group, according to a new report by the Center for Disease Control.

Because rates are higher than manufacturing, agriculture and even mining, it's possible that there is a connection to the environment in which health care workers do their jobs, writes Salynn Boyles for Medpage Today, though the study did not explicitly test for this.

However, the study does make clear that it is important for all workers to minimize exposure to asthma triggers, which in health care include cleaning and disinfecting products, powdered latex gloves and aerosolized medications.

For the full CDC report, click [here](#).

For a summary in Medpage Today, click [here](#).

One-of-a-Kind Collaboration to Train Health Care Workers on Washington's North Olympic Peninsula

It can be difficult to find enough qualified health care workers in under-served rural areas, writes Paul Gottlieb for the Sequim Gazette, but a new public-private collaboration on Washington state's North Olympic Peninsula aims to tackle this problem.

Instead of recruiting health care workers to come to the remote peninsula, the program will instead train new registered nurses, medical assistants, and certified nursing assistants there.

A variety of stakeholders are contributing funding to the effort, including the state, Olympic Medical Center, Jefferson Healthcare, private donors and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

The group is hopeful that the project will serve as a model for other rural areas in need of health care workers.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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