

Blue Cross of Massachusetts donating \$250,000 to help hospitals train trustees to keep healthcare costs down.

The [Boston Globe](#) (2/3, Krasner) reports, "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts said it is donating \$250,000 to help five [Boston] area hospitals train their trustees in how to keep healthcare costs down." The donation "follows a similar program, completed last year, in which Blue Cross funded five other hospitals to help their boards set ambitious goals for quality improvement." The hospital systems participating "in the new program are expected to contribute \$25,000 apiece to the training effort." Officials from the insurance company "said they hope the program will help control healthcare cost increases by improving the quality of care and reducing unnecessary treatment."