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**News From Around PA**

More than one million students are participating in a pilot of online assessments tied to the **Common Core**. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers report Pennsylvania has joined Utah, Nebraska, Texas, Minnesota, Alabama and Virginia in opting out.

The **federal government** intends to force many children currently enrolled in Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program into the Medicaid program. Federal officials have said their hands are tied because the change is required by Obamacare, and not as a result of the optional Medicaid expansion. Governor Corbett has written another letter to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

The **State Senate** voted 40-10 to force PA to expand Medicaid. Two days later the House Rules Committee removed the Medicaid expansion language.

Elected officials marching in the **Pittsburgh Gay Pride Parade**: County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, City Council members Bill Peduto (and Democratic nominee for Pittsburgh mayor), his Chief of Staff Dan Gilman, Corey O'Connor, Bruce Kraus, Natalia Rudiak and State Representative Dan Frankel.

**News from National Scene**

**Department of Health and Human Services** announced final rules on mandate requiring most employers to "cover a range of birth-control methods in their health plans without charging a co-pay or a deductible." The final rules simplify the process by which employees of religiously affiliated institutions can obtain contraceptive/sterilization/abortion coverage.

**"Gay rights" lobbyists** plan to use their victory at the Supreme Court to push legislation that would ensure

"married" same-sex couples are eligible for federal benefits in all 50 states.

**General Mills** has come out in support of the "gay" community by filling boxes of Lucky Charms with rainbow-colored marshmallows.

**HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius** is working with NFL and NBA and other sports leagues to promote Obamacare. As a result Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and Whip John Cornyn warned six leagues not to promote ObamaCare.

AFA of PA encourages Christians, through education, to become involved in pro-family issues in their community, state and the nation.

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