

# **Despite Judge's Ruling, Bowser will Extend MedStar's Medicaid Contract**

"D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) declared a state of emergency this week to extend the city's lucrative contract with MedStar an additional nine months, a move that city leaders hope will end a simmering conflict that could have disrupted care for hundreds of thousands of the city's low," reports Julie Zauzmer Weil in The Washington Post.

"The massive MedStar hospital system said last month that it planned to end its agreements with the two other insurers that cover most of the D.C. residents enrolled in Medicaid, according to Deputy Mayor Wayne Turnage, after a judge last year found that the city violated procurement rules, which meant it should not have awarded."

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