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The San Francisco Chronicle (California), September 5, 2008 Friday

Nearly 60 percent of employers nationwide plan to curb rising health premiums by making their employees pay more, according to a survey released Thursday by Mercer consulting firm. In an effort to reduce costs next year, 59 percent of companies sur...

[Health benefit costs keep rising](#)

Newsday (New York), September 5, 2008 Friday

Employee health benefit costs for metro area companies, including on Long Island, continue to rise and have nearly doubled since 2000, according to a new report by a Syosset benefits consulting company.

[CREATIVE HEALTH-COST CUTS AIRED](#)

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (Pennsylvania), September 5, 2008 Friday

When Westinghouse Electric recently conducted a health assessment of its employees, most of the highest risks related to food, specifically what and how much people were eating. "We had some pretty serious weight issues," acknowledged Cheryl Melinch...

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The Capital Times (Madison, Wisconsin), September 4, 2008 Thursday

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