

600 Attend Forum on Affordable Care Act At Stockton College

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Galloway, NJ – About 600 area residents and members of the Stockton College community turned out today for a forum on the Affordable Care Act, with a panel answering questions from the audience and cou 69feaolllege

added, "These are the kinds of arguments (about socialism) that were used against Social Security and child labor laws. We don't do that anymore."

3. Why not just pay the \$95 fine for not being insured if you are a student, rather than buy more expensive coverage?

Dr. Torres said that is one's right, but it's "short-sighted." He said if you fall off your bike and are seriously injured, an average hospital stay could cost you \$30,000 if you don't have coverage.

4. What is the bundling of care?

AtlantiCare's Blumberg explained that it refers to contracting with a provider for treatment of a disease. Medicare would make a fixed payment and the healthcare organization would decide how best to use it in treating one's condition. He said he expects to see more of this and for the providers to be assigned more risk.

5. Are Medicare Advantage plans being eliminated?

The answer was no, and those not changing plans were told they don't have to do anything.

But for those who want t