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### *What They Are Saying* **“Looking for leadership, not more excuses”**

**East Oregonian Editorial Board:** “Bad news keeps rolling out from the Oregon Health Authority. But instead of taking responsibility, Gov. Kate Brown not only ducked it but also tried to spin it as positive news.” [[Looking for leadership, not more excuses](#), 11/9/2017]

**Bend Bulletin Editorial Board:** “There’s a deja vu quality to the news this week that Oregon overpaid the federal government millions of dollars for Medicaid. Didn’t we just read this a few months ago?” [[Editorial: Medicaid error is another reason to vote against new taxes](#), 11/8/2017]

**The Oregonian Editorial Board:** “(Governor) Brown should cut her losses, confront the controversy and appoint an independent investigator.” [[Brown should appoint independent investigator into \\$74 million flub: Editorial](#), 11/7/2017]

**Albany Democrat-Herald Editorial Board:** “Why didn’t (Governor) Brown know about this issue until the middle of October? Why wasn’t the issue caught months or years before? What’s the governor’s plan for making sure that something like this doesn’t happen again? Are there systemic issues at the Health Authority that need to be addressed? Will she and her new Health Authority staff pledge to provide transparency at the agency?” [[Editorial: Taxpayers need real answers in Medicaid mess](#), 11/8/2017]

**The Oregonian Editorial Board:** Governor Brown has “shown little curiosity and taken zero ownership. Rather, she [issued a press release](#) that blamed the problems on the [Cover Oregon failure](#) from three years ago, offered a canned quotation about the importance of transparency, efficiency and accountability and then directed reporters to seek follow-up answers - not from her office but from the health authority. True to the news release, her spokesman did not respond to repeated voicemail and email messages by the editorial board seeking information on whether Brown plans to take any action. [[The curious lack of curiosity about the state’s latest health-care flub: Editorial Agenda 2017](#), 11/4/2017]

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