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BLUE CROSS DEAL KEEPS COMPLEX TREATMENT IN PLACE

Health care agreement a blessing for Detroit baby



Andrew Bashi, 38, speaks during an interview while Amanda Bashi, 38, plays with their son, Jibrán Bashi, 6 months, at their home in Detroit on May 6. PHOTOS BY DAVID RODRIGUEZ MUÑOZ/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Family thankful to remain with Michigan Medicine

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Relief is how Andrew Bashi, of Detroit, described the feeling that washed over him and his wife, Amanda, upon hearing the news Wednesday, May 27, that Michigan Medicine and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan had reached an agreement on a new, five-year contract. • Their 7-month-old son, Jibrán Bashi, had everything to lose as two Goliaths in the state's health care landscape clashed in a monthslong, very public contract dispute that would have forced about 300,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan members out of network with Michigan Medicine if a deal couldn't be reached.

The academic medical center of the University of Michigan set a June 30 deadline to either settle a new contract with the state's dominant insurer, which has about 70% of Michigan's commercial health insurance market, or it would no longer accept commercial Blue Cross insurance plans as in-network.

Caught in the middle were Michigan Medicine patients with commercial Blue Cross plans like Jibrán, who was born nearly two months prematurely in October with a cluster of rare congenital heart defects. Weighing just 2 pounds, 13 ounces at birth, his tiny



Andrew Bashi, 38, holds his son, Jibrán Bashi, 6 months, near a window at their home in Detroit on May 6.

heart was the size of a peach pit, said Dr. Jennifer Romano, one of the pediatric cardiac surgeons caring for him at the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

His doctors told the Bashis that Jibrán would need a series of carefully timed, complex surgeries to survive — with the first just 10 days after he was born.

Amanda and Andrew Bashi said their son's combination of heart defects are so rare, there are only a few surgeons nationally with the skills to handle the

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Ann Arbor to give cash to residents for EV buys

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Rebate checks modeled after canceled U.S. program

The city of Ann Arbor wants to give residents money toward the purchase of an electric vehicle amid high gasoline prices, and the plan it is devising is one city leaders hope will inspire other municipalities across the nation to copy.

Ann Arbor plans to hand out big rebate checks, some up to \$7,500, to qualifying Ann Arbor residents who buy a new all-electric vehicle from any Michigan car dealer. It offers up to \$4,000 checks to those who buy a used EV. This program is meant to replace the expired federal government's tax incentive rebates on the purchase of an EV — a program that many automakers and dealers credited for driving EV adoption.

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An all-electric Ford F-150 Lightning used by the city of Ann Arbor charges at Ann Arbor's city hall. The city is working to launch a new program that will pay rebates to residents who buy EVs. PROVIDED BY ANN ARBOR OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATIONS

WAR IN IRAN

Negotiators have reached reported deal

Zac Anderson and Cybele Mayes-Osterman USA TODAY

Trump, Tehran have not signed off

Negotiators for the United States and Iran have reached a deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and extend the 60-day ceasefire while discussions continue over Tehran's nuclear program, according to an American official.

President Donald Trump has yet to approve the deal, though, the official said. Iran's leadership also hasn't signed off yet, according to a regional official who said the American proposal was given to Pakistan, which gave it to Iranian negotiators.

The potential agreement requires unfettered shipping through the Strait of Hormuz without tolls, and Iran must remove mines from the waterway within 30 days, according to the United States official. In return, the United States would end a



President Donald Trump has repeatedly said the end of the war is close. EVAN VUCCI/REUTERS

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Judge bars Wayne County landfill from receiving radioactive waste

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A Wayne County hazardous waste landfill has been permanently barred by a Wayne County Circuit judge from receiving elevated radioactivity waste from historic atomic bomb and atomic energy development sites.

The landfill continuing to receive such wastes "will increase the risk of disease, cancer and other health risks to Plaintiffs' communities which will continue to increase over time," Judge Kevin Cox stated in granting a permanent injunction



A backhoe fills a dump truck at the Wayne Disposal Inc. hazardous waste landfill in Wayne County's Van Buren Township. MANDI WRIGHT/DFP

against Wayne Disposal on Wednesday, May 27.

Owned by Phoenix-based waste management giant Republic Services, Wayne Disposal Inc. is

one of the largest hazardous waste landfills in the United States, located off Interstate 94 freeway in

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