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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

We in the Farley Health Policy Center are pleased to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website that reflects the focus and evolution of our policy activities over the past few years, including our publications, reports and briefs. [You can check it out here.](#)

[*A Model for Connecting Primary Care in COVID-19 Era*](#) is a blog post for the *AAFP's Fresh Perspectives* by Dr. Kyle Leggott, affiliated faculty member of the Farley Center, who highlights a series (Just In Time ECHO for Primary Care) that aims to keep primary care clinicians informed during the pandemic.

[*Amazon Starts Selling Prescription Drugs to Prime Customers*](#) is a story on *ZeroHedge* by Tyler Durden about how Jeff Bezos, Amazon CEO, is taking advantage of a crisis by opening an online pharmacy that will begin by offering common items including creams, pills, and medications. Amazon will also be shipping prescriptions like insulin, which has temperature requirements, like Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.

[*Mind the Brain: Mental Health in the Time of COVID-19*](#) is a weekly series featuring CU faculty experts on mental health topics in the time of COVID-19. Podcast guest: Laura McGladrey, PMHNP, Senior Instructor, College of Nursing, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, will address "Managing During Uncertainty."

[*State of the Campus: 'Our Mission Is More Important Now than Ever*](#) is a 20-minute videocast of CU Anschutz Chancellor Don Elliman's state of the campus address in which he reflects on the unparalleled events of 2020, and looks to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

[*Evidence in a Pandemic: Research, Regulatory & Clinical Decision-Making*](#) will be a virtual panel discussion Monday, November 23rd, 12-1PM, MT. This webinar is co-sponsored by the Working Group on Compassionate Use and Preapproval Access at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the

University of Colorado Center for Bioethics and Humanities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions are being made on less evidence than usual, sometimes out of necessity, sometimes out of political pressure.

[*Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*](#) is a book by Harriet A. Washington, former fellow in medical ethics at the Harvard Medical School, who will discuss her book virtually December 7th, 12-1 MT.

[*AMA Honors Henley with Lifetime Achievement Award*](#) When Dr. Henley, former AAFP executive vice president and CEO, was asked to make some remarks, [he urged the multispecialty audience to consider two issues](#) that defined his career: support for primary care and affordable health care for all people.



[*SMARTIE Goals*](#) are a concrete way to drive an organization's performance equitably. This worksheet/tool from The Management Center adds an equity and inclusion component to the SMART goals (strategic, measurable, ambitious, realistic, time-bound). There's a fine line between inclusion and tokenism.

[*Thankful at Home: Pandemic's Front-Line Providers Share Holiday Plans*](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus site* by Debra Melani about how a record-breaking upsurge in COVID-19 cases reinforces stay-at-home decisions

[*In Rural Areas, Residents May Be Reluctant to Take a COVID-19 Vaccine*](#) is an NPR interview with Dr. Lindsey Paulson, a family practice doctor in rural Colorado, who discusses the challenges she faces in distributing a future COVID-19 vaccine.

[*Colorado hospitals team up to cope with COVID-19 surge, CDPHE issues plea to step up mitigation tactics*](#) is a story on *The Denver Channel* by Lance Hernandez about how Colorado is at a pivotal juncture, 1,417 COVID patients currently hospitalized in state.

[*When One Rural Colorado Doctor Caught Coronavirus, the Repercussions Extended Far Past His Own Health*](#) is a CPR story by John Daley about a doctor from Cheyenne Wells, a small Colorado town of 900, who was chief of staff and medical director of everything at Keefe Memorial Hospital; and about how his illness is a test case for how the pandemic could impact the fragile rural health care system.

[*South Dakota nurse says critically ill patients don't believe COVID-10 is real*](#) is a story on *The Denver Channel* by Justin Boggs about how nearly one in 1,600 of all South Dakotans are currently hospitalized with COVID-19 yet many still don't believe that the virus is real.

[*Unemployed face additional mental health burdens as joblessness stretches on*](#)

is a story for *NBC News* by Martha O. White who writes about how even in normal recessions, experts say, prolonged job loss is an under-the-radar mental health crisis that can sap people's confidence and sense of identity.



POLICY EFFORTS

['No One Is Listening to Us'](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Ed Yong about how more people than ever are hospitalized with COVID-19 and how health care workers "can't go on like this." The concern is that patients will start to die because there simply aren't enough people to care for them.

[A six-point plan to protect our children](#) includes a data and advocacy brief on the UNICEF site with a plan that proposes practical and concrete actions to reunite the world around a common cause: the realization of the sustainable development goals and the convention on the rights of the child. A tenet of this plan is for decision-makers to listen to children and young people and include them in decision-making.

[Hospitals Can't Go On Like This](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Alexis C. Madrigal about how 22% of American hospitals don't have enough workers right now.

[White House killed deal to pay for mental health care for migrant families separated at border](#) is a story covered by Jacob Soboroff and colleagues for *NBC News* who report that three sources involved in the discussion, who requested anonymity, said the Office White House Counsel made the decision to reject the settlement of a federal lawsuit after consultation with senior adviser Stephen Miller.

[How Medicaid Expansion Helps Incarcerated Persons Amid COVID-19](#) is a story on *Health Payer Intelligence* by Kelsey Waddill about how Medicaid expansion combined with policies to support Medicaid coverage post-release can ensure that previously incarcerated persons receive care during the coronavirus pandemic.

[How to Avoid a Surprise Bill for Your Coronavirus Test](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Sarah Kliff who recommends getting tested at a public facility, and to question what services are being provided. And know your rights under federal law.

[WHO establishes Council on the Economics of Health for All](#) is a post on the *World Health Organization* site that reports how the Council, comprising top economists and health experts, will focus on investments in health, and achieving sustainable, inclusive and innovation-led economic growth.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[*Mental Health and Substance Use State Fact Sheets*](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site that provides a summary of the national- and state-level data on mental health both before and during the coronavirus pandemic.

[*Trends in Suicidality 1 Year Before and After Birth Among Commercially Insured Childbearing Individuals in the United States, 2006-2017*](#) is an article on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Lindsay K. Admon and colleagues about a study designed to determine the trends in suicidal ideation and self-harm in a large national cohort of commercially insured childbearing individuals.

[*Mental health-related visits to the ER have increased for children during pandemic, CDC study finds*](#) is a story in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* by Bethany Ao who reports on a CDC study that shows the negative impact of the pandemic on the mental health of children and adolescents.

[*Job Insecurity and Symptoms of Anxiety and Depression Among U.S. Young Adults During COVID-19*](#) is an article in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* by Dr. Kyle T. Ganson and colleagues about a study designed to estimate the associations between job insecurity and symptoms of anxiety and depression among U.S. young adults amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

[*Rapid Systematic Review: The Impact of Social Isolation and Loneliness on the Mental Health of Children and Adolescents in the Context of COVID-19*](#) is an article in *Science Direct* by Dr. Maria Elizabeth Loades and colleagues about a study that aimed to establish what is known about how loneliness and disease containment measure impact on the mental health in children and adolescents.

[*Mental Health – Related Emergency Department Visits Among Children Aged <18 Years During the COVID-19 Pandemic – United States, January 1-October 17, 2020*](#) is a report from the CDC by Dr. Rebecca T. Leeb and colleagues that suggests that monitoring indicators of children’s mental health, promoting coping and resilience, and expanding access to services to support children’s mental health are critical during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[*Assessment of Changes in Rural and Urban Primary Care Workforce in the United States from 2009-to 2017*](#) is an article on *Jama Network* by Dr. Donglan Zhang and colleagues who determined that the density of primary care clinicians increased overall, yet rural-urban disparities in the primary care workforce are increasing in the United States.



[*Socially Vulnerable Older Adults*](#) is a National Center for Medical Legal Partnership article about the role MLPs to address social and structural issues that impact older adult health and well-being.

[*Clinician Perceptions of Medical-Legal Partnerships*](#) is a National Center for Medical Legal Partnership white paper by Jennifer Trott and colleagues that

offers lessons for adopting social determinants of health interventions in health care settings.



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