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# FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[ANew Way Forward: Innovations in Interprofessional Training Using Integrated BH Models in Primary Care](#) is a 1-day symposium in Philadelphia June 1<sup>st</sup> sponsored by Penn Nursing, APRNs for Community Practice, and the National Center for Integrated BH; designed to foster a collaborative learning community for researchers and clinicians in BH and primary care settings.

Collaborative Family Healthcare Association [Job Flash](#) posts behavioral health positions across the country.

[Colorado Wellness Recovery](#) is a new resource for mental wellness and addiction recovery from Mental Health Colorado.

Mental Health Colorado is seeking a president/CEO. [Click here](#) to learn more.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Why Aren't Parents Getting their Children Vaccinated?](#) is an NPR interview by David Greene with author and sociology professor, Jennifer Reich, of "Calling the Shots: Why Parents Reject Vaccines." She talks about how some parents don't accept a logic that says "one size fits all" in terms of vaccination schedules for individual children.

[Amid Opioid Crisis, Walgreens Adds Mental Health Training for Pharmacists](#) is a *Forbes* story by Bruce Japsen who reports on a new partnership among Walgreens, the National Council for BH, and the American Pharmacists Association to improve mental health education, screening and literacy.

[The Mental-Health Burden of Climate Change Continues Long After the Storm](#) is a post on the *Daily Beast* by Dave Levitan about a recent study that followed 96,000 Puerto Rican young people after Hurricane Maria that highlights how natural disasters spark mental health crises...and how climate change might continue to feed that fire.

[\*Survey: Americans Becoming More Open about Mental Health\*](#) is a story on *Finance. Yahoo* about results of a survey by The Harris Poll for the American Psychological Association that showed 87% of adults agreed that having a mental health disorder is nothing to be ashamed of, and 86% said they believe that people with mental health disorders can get better.

[\*As Artificial Intelligence Moves into Medicine, the Human Touch Could Be a Casualty\*](#) is an *NPR* story by Richard Harris who emphasizes how health care is more than a simple transaction and how AI may continue to create “haves” and “have nots,” as well as degrade the human relationship at the core of medicine.

[\*The National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect\*](#) was co-founded by Lori Poland, abuse transcender, and Dr. Dick Krugman, Farley Center Steering Committee member (and so much more), who are working to bring this serious problem (typically dealt with after the fact) front and center, and to encourage everyone to be “Louder than Silence.”



[\*Health insurance deductibles soar, leaving Americans with unaffordable bills\*](#) is a story in the *LA Times* by Noam N. Levey about how Americans’ savings are not keeping pace with the annual deductibles in job-based health plans that have nearly quadrupled.

[\*Dying man to Congress: GoFundMe is not a health care plan\*](#) is a *CNN Politics* story by Haley Byrd who reports on House testimony for the Medicare for ALL bill from Ady Barkan, a 35 year-old father confined to a motorized wheelchair by ALS, who argued that an incremental approach is inadequate.

[\*We need a national conversation about health – not just about health care\*](#) is an opinion piece by Sandro Galea on *Stat* who says “Are we paying too much for health?” is the wrong question. We should be asking, “Is our spending making us healthier?” And the answer is no because we are not spending on health (preventing us from getting sick in the first place), but rather on health care – doctors, hospitals, medicines, treatments, etc.

[\*Bill to protect patients from surprise medical bills passes Colorado Senate\*](#) is a story by Jacob Rodriguez for 9News who reports that a bill that would eliminate surprise medical bills from landing in the mailboxes of patients was passed by the Senate this week.

[\*Breakdown: California’s mental health system explained\*](#) is a story on *CALmatters* by Jocelyn Wiener who presents a lot of good data to aid in policy sculpting and setting a vision for change.



## RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[\*Academic medical centers face identity overhaul\*](#) is a post on *Modern Healthcare* by Alex Kacik with results from a survey of 1,250 consumers conducted by PricewaterhouseCooper's Health Research Institute. Half of those surveyed said they would not pay more for specialty medical care at an academic medical center...flagging the need for transforming their high-cost structures to remain viable.

[\*Global Issue, Local Risk: CHI's Health and Climate Index Identifies Colorado's Most Vulnerable Regions\*](#) is a post on the Colorado Health Institute site that features their health and climate index tool. Overall scores are reported at the regional level.

[\*What are the recent and forecasted trends in prescription drug spending?\*](#) is a piece by Rabah Kamal and colleagues, for the Kaiser Family Foundation, who have created a collection of charts that explore trends in spending on prescription drugs.

[\*New National Poll Shows Impacts of Rural Economy on Farmer Mental Health\*](#) is a story on the Farm Bureau site that discusses a recent Morning Consult research poll sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation of rural adults, farmers and farmworkers to better understand factors affecting their mental health.

[\*Rejection kills\*](#) is a posting on *Aeon* by Elitsa Dermendzhiyska, mental health researcher and writer in London, who writes about how the brain makes no distinction between a broken bone and an aching heart, "which is why social exclusion needs a health warning."

[\*The Impact of Graduate Medical Education on Physician Maldistribution\*](#) was a policy forum sponsored by the Robert Graham Center in March. Slides presented can be [accessed here](#). "[Research on Redesigning Graduate Medical Education to Better Meet Population Health Needs](#)" is an issue brief that summarizes research conducted by the Program on Health Workforce Research and Policy on GME, based at The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. Findings were presented at this forum.

[\*A Methodology for Using Workforce Data to Decide which Specialties and States to Target for Graduate Medical Education Expansion\*](#) is an article in *Health Services Research* by Dr. Erin P. Fraher and colleagues that outlines a methodology for allocating graduate medical education training positions based on data from a workforce projection model.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[\*How Law Can Make a Difference in Health Outcomes\*](#) is a half-hour podcast by UVA law professor and Farley Center Steering Committee member, Dr. Dayna Bowen Matthew, who explores social and legal factors that affect health outcomes, and how lawyers and doctors are partnering to confront these challenges.

[\*The National Center for Medical Legal Partnership's website provides information and evidence related to the impact of such partnerships.\*](#) MLP teams have [\*eliminated hurdles to life-saving medications.\*](#) . . . just to name one critical area of impact.

[\*Medical-Legal Partnerships\*](#) is an article in the *AMA Journal of Ethics: Illuminating the Art of Medicine* by Dr. Rebecca L. Huston and colleagues who make the case for MLPs.

[\*Promoting Health & Health Equity through Law & Policy\*](#) is the 2018 Impact Report from The Network for Public Health Law, prioritizing efforts and initiatives that identify and address discriminatory laws and policies that lead to disadvantage and disparities in the health of communities.



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