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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Colorado community colleges offering links to 2 historically black colleges](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Carina Julilig about a memorandum that adds Texas Southern and St. Augustine's to the system's "Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program" partnership for students looking to transfer to a four-year university.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[The COVID-19 Pandemic & More: More on the Wuhan Seafood Market, and courts are poised to damage public health](#) is this week's commentary from Colorado School of Public Health dean, Dr. Jon Samet, about how insufficient transparency and incomplete data sharing have eroded trust and international collaboration in understanding the origins of one of the most devastating pandemics; as well as how decisions by federal courts continue as another threat to public health.

[How an intergenerational housing development in Montrose aims to improve life for both kids and older adults](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Nancy Lofholm about how Colorado's first intergenerational supportive housing complex is a \$10 million bet that a community that feels like family will help ease foster kids' transition to adulthood.

[Food banks scramble to fill hole after SNAP cut](#) is a *CPR* story by Tom Hesse about the end of expanded benefits in February for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the dramatic cut in benefits for many of the more than a half million Coloradans who depend on the program and the scramble by food banks to help fill the gap.

[Colorado's maternal death rate is rising. A new report says the answer is prenatal care, mental health screens.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by

Jennifer Brown about how 25% of pregnant women did not get prenatal doctor's appointments in the first trimester. People of color were less likely to see a doctor in the first three months.

[Opinion: Colorado schools need more mental health resources, and that requires more investment](#) is a commentary in *The Colorado Sun* by Amie Baca-Oehlert that highlights how with fewer teachers and counselors in schools, there are more student behavior disturbances, which disrupt learning and make schools less safe.



[Can Interstate Licensure Compacts Enhance the Health Care Workforce?](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Ann M. Nguyen and Magda Schaler-Haynes about how policymakers and researchers are debating options for longer-term licensure policy to mitigate the workforce crisis.

[Bill making it easier to file Colorado lawsuits against gun industry gets major trim at behest of Gov. Jared Polis](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul and Elliott Wenzler about how rules intended to further require gun sellers to block children and criminals from obtaining weapons were stripped from the legislation, as was a provision forcing the industry to take steps to prevent people intent on harming themselves or others from buying weapons.

[Children in mental health crises continue to fill hospital emergency rooms. What's Colorado doing about it?](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how legislation that follows a 2021 mental health emergency declaration by Children's Hospital could lead to more residential treatment beds so kids can leave the hospital.

[The Supreme Court Is Harming Public Health and the Environment](#) is an opinion piece on *JAMA Network* by Lawrence O. Gostin, JD and Sarah Wetter, JD, MPH that looks back at the Supreme Court's 2021 and 2022 terms and forward to the 2023 term and beyond given the fundamental shift in the Supreme Court that was set in motion in 2020 with the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

[How Congress Can Strengthen Primary Care through Medicare Payment Reform](#) is a post on *The Commonwealth Fund* site by Corinne Lewis and colleagues about how the sustainability and future of primary care is at risk despite its value.

[Colorado to receive \\$31 million from nationwide settlement with vape company Juul](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Olivia Prentzel about how AG Phil Weiser sued Juul in 2020 accusing the manufacturer of deceptive market to kids and downplaying health risks.

[Colorado Multi-Payer Collaborative: lessons Learned for Primary Care Improvement](#) is a report in the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Dan Vizzini and colleagues about lessons learned for primary care improvement.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Gun Violence Affects Lots of Americans Directly – Even Some Governors](#) is a story on *Huff Post* by Jonathan Cohn about how Kentucky's Andy Beshear was among those mourning a personal loss after the mass shooting in Louisville.

[Oregon's mental health crisis can't be blamed on low Medicaid payments, study finds](#) is a post in *The Oregonian* about how a new study suggests that Oregon's mental health crisis cannot be blamed on low Medicaid payments for providers.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Medical-Legal Partnership in Primary Care: Moving Upstream in the Clinic](#) is a review from a couple of years ago published in *Am J Lifestyle Med* by Elizabeth Tobin Tyler that describes the MLP approach to addressing the social determinants of health, examines its benefits for improving the delivery of primary care for vulnerable patients and populations, and explores new opportunities for MLP in primary care with the advent of systems reforms driven by the Affordable Care Act.

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