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[Everything in its right place](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how electronic health records fail at collecting what matters most.

[New nursing school to open in Aurora](#) is a post on *The Business Journals* by Analisa Romano about how this campus is an answer to a growing need for nurses who are new to the profession. The new campus expects to enroll 200 students this year.

[Applying Community-Based Participatory Principles to Advance Health Equity with Communities](#) is a community engagement forum April 26, 11AM to 1PM MT designed for networking and discussion of opportunities for partnerships based on mutual research interests or learning opportunities.

[How to see the April solar eclipse in Colorado](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Bruce Finley that while Colorado is outside the path of the total eclipse April 8, a partial eclipse will be visible in the Denver area from 11:28AM to 1:53PM. Protective solar eclipse glasses are essential.



[Nazism and the Journal](#) is an article, by JM Abi-Rached and AM Brandt, which is part of an invited series by independent historians focused on biases and injustice that *The New England Journal of Medicine* has historically helped to perpetuate. "The hope is that we can learn from our mistakes and prevent new ones."

[How well do you know your neighbor? A new campaign addresses mental health through community connection](#) is a story by Eleanor Sheahan for KOAA about a new campaign launched in Colorado Springs to address mental health

through community connection, “1,000 Neighborhood Gatherings Initiative,” designed to help people become less isolated and improve their well-being.

[What I Do Not Tell the Medical Student](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Erica Andrist who talks about how what appears to be command and confidence in settings like the PICU is often an illusion, and perhaps the importance for the student and the patient to believe in that illusion.

[Denver Health offering free gun locks, violence prevention services](#) is a 2.5 minute YouTube clip in which Dr. Benjamin Li, an emergency medicine physician at Denver Health, talks about the importance of safe firearm storage and the hospital’s violence prevention program.

[The “MOMAT” unit: Mobile methadone treatment serving Denverites with opioid use disorder](#) is a post on *Denver 7* by Colette Bordelon about a mobile opioid medication assisted treatment that makes methadone more accessible in Denver.

[Expanding Services for Expectant Mothers](#) is a post on the *CU College of Nursing* website by Molly Smerika about a doctor of nursing practice student’s project that focuses on treating mental health for expectant and new moms through expanded support and resources.



[Overcoming Common Anxieties in Knowledge Translation: Advice for Scholarly Issue Advocates](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Paul Kershaw and Verena Rossa-Rocca that intends to equip the “budding issue advocate” with high-level advice on where to begin when one seeks to mobilize evidence into policy.

[The \\$1.3 billion-plus problem: Explaining medical debt in Colorado using 7 charts](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold with charts that explain who has debt, how much they owe, and where they live. Medical debt is the most common collection item on consumer credit reports nationally.

[Medical debt affects much of America, but Colorado immigrants are hit especially hard](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Rae Ellen Bichell and Lindsey Toomer about how the state’s overall medical debt burden is lower than most, but racial and ethnic disparities are wider.

[Colorado hospitals no longer required to report newborns who test positive for drugs, working to better support addicted moms](#) is a story in *The Denver Post*

by Meg Wingerter about how the number of families referred to child protective services for prenatal drug use is down 25% since this law was changed three years ago; yet many providers working in birthing facilities don't know that the law changed and may still report families based solely on a drug test.

[Colorado lawmakers can empower patients and physicians, not insurance companies and algorithms, to make medical decisions](#) is an opinion piece by Margaret Comstock in *The Colorado Sun* about recent legislation that would fix prior authorization process, which is unnecessarily burdensome and complicated.

[400 people with mental illness are sitting in Colorado jails. Some state lawmakers want to divert them to treatment instead.](#) is a story by Jennifer Brown for *The Colorado Sun* about a diversion program for those accused of low-level crimes and deemed mentally incompetent to stand trial.



[Colorado physicians must improve by prioritizing “culturally responsive care,” new report says](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers about how doctors need to respect and consider patients' cultural beliefs and identity to humanize health care for patients who historically face health inequities, according to a report from the United States of Care.

[New Study Explores Use of Extreme Risk Protection Order Petitions in ‘Second Amendment Sanctuaries’ in Colorado](#) is a post on the *CU Department of Emergency Medicine* website by Colleen Miracle about how CU researchers studied court data to analyze the most common types of ERPO petitions filed for high-risk individuals in Colorado's 2A Sanctuaries.

[As more Colorado teens struggle with mental health, experts advise caution with antidepressants](#) is a story by Nicole Brady for *Denver 7* about a study that shows more antidepressants are being prescribed to young people, but Kerry Peterson, a psychiatric nurse practitioner and associate professor at the CU College of Nursing, reports there can be serious side effects and considerations.

[Improving Primary Care Access When You Can't Wait for Policy Change](#) is a blog post from Christopher F. Koller on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* website about a patient support model for clinicians that includes attributing patients to a team and then grouping them based on their overall health risk.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Medical-Legal Partnership Update](#) is the latest newsletter from the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership containing a myriad of good information including how the Center is highlighting the MLP approach as an essential yet often overlooked asset in public health in honor of National Public Health Week.

[A new funding opportunity](#): the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health is offering up to five grantee awards totaling \$1,275,000 for health equity research. Grant purpose: to support research addressing health care disparities affecting various minority populations.

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