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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[The importance of our language](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he emphasizes that it matters how we talk about mental health because it can set the tone and shape the culture around us.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Doctors give tips for parents if children are feeling stressed or anxious going back to school](#) is a story on the *11 News* site by Kasia Kerridge about ideas from Dr. Sarah Kennedy, psychologist at Anschutz Medical Campus for how to make this transition.

[From 'hospital room of the future' to remote mental health monitoring, innovation chiefs share top tech ideas](#) is a post on *Becker's Hospital Review* by Giles Bruce that reports innovations from health system chief innovation officers from across the country.

[Why COVID Makes So Many of Us Feel Guilty](#) is an opinion piece in *Scientific American* by Lynn Bufka about how making decisions based on complex information is frustrating and stressful, but a change in mindset can help.

[The Battle Against Isolation Continues: How CU Students Are Making an Impact](#) is a post on the CU School of Dental Medicine site by Laura Ramsey about how a public health program connects older adults with CU dental, medical, nursing and pharmacy students.

[Colorado's COVID guidance for K-12 schools: Minimize disruption, stay alert](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Meltzer about new guidance released this

week that largely treats COVID-like other communicable diseases, continuing a policy the state established in February at the end of the first omicron wave.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Social media posts warn people not to call 988. Here's what you need to know](#) is an *NPR* story by Aneri Pattani that makes it sound like the jury is still out on 988.

[Fraud is the killjoy at the telehealth party](#) is a post on *Politico* by Ben Leonard about how Congress is rushing to maintain telehealth access it promoted during the pandemic, but some fear virtual medicine without safeguards could enable fraud.

[They lost Medicaid when paperwork was sent to a pasture, signaling the mess to come](#) is an *NPR* by Brett Kelman about one family's horror story and possible foreshadowing of what's to come.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[A growing psychiatrist shortage and an enormous demand for mental health services](#) is a post on the *AAMC* website about how leaders are stepping up with a range of creative solutions to respond to the dire need for mental health services in the United States.

[Research Shows Poor Patient Comprehension of Terms Commonly Found in Electronic Health Information](#) is an article on *The ASCO Post* about survey results that indicate poor patient understanding of clinical terminology used in online reports, indicating a need to develop and integrate educational tools to support patients.

[The Confusing Landscape of Gender-Affirming Care for Transgender Medicaid Patients](#) is an opinion piece in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Heidi L. Allen, associate professor at Columbia University School of Social Work, that calls out how being unable to pass as one's identified gender heightens the risk of poor health outcomes.

[The Need for Electronic Health Records to Support Delivery of Behavioral Health Preventive Services](#) is an article on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Alison N. Huffstetler and colleagues about a report, which recommended that digital health systems should be person-centered, ensure equitable access and use, and simplify the user experience; and called for vendors to be held accountable for whether their systems achieve these goals.

[More public schools are now offering mental health services](#) is a post on *The Hill* by Adam Barnes about findings from an analysis that followed a recently

announced funding by the Biden administration to bolster mental health services in the nation's schools as the pandemic exacerbated a growing mental health crisis.

[ACO Participation Cuts Medicare Spending on Serious Mental Illness](#) is an article on *Revcycle Intelligence* by Jacqueline La Pointe about a new study that shows ACO participation in the Medicare Shared Savings Program modestly reduced Medicare spending for patients with serious mental illness, suggesting more effort to be made.

[A 'staggering' number of people couldn't get care during the pandemic, poll finds](#) is an *NPR* story by Rhitu Chatterjee about a new poll conducted by NPR, RWJF, and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Among households with a serious illness in the past year, one in five respondents had trouble accessing care during the pandemic.



[National Center Initiatives](#) is a post on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* site that describes some of the projects the center has embarked on to create a culture shift.

[Increasing nutritional supports for newborns](#) is a post on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* site about how certain processes are difficult to navigate without help.



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