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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Quick COVID-19 Primary Care Survey](#) contains a link to the August survey sponsored by the Green Center. Help the team inform the Biden administration on what's transpiring at the front lines. Responses due 8/17 by 12:59PM MT.

[Upcoming Health Equity Learning Series Speakers](#) are two events hosted by The Colorado Trust, featuring Tamika Mallory September 14th and Isabel Wilkerson December 14th.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[COVID-19 Oral History Interviews](#) is a collection of stories from students, residents, and family medicine doctors in which they share their experiences in learning and practicing medicine through the COVID-19 pandemic coordinated by the Center for the History of Family Medicine.

[How Peer Counseling Can Address Barriers to Student Mental Health](#) is a *Forbes* story by William A. Haseltine who writes about an often-overlooked solution for students with mental health problems...peer counseling.

[Nation Wondering Why Struggling Mental Health System Can't Just Pull Itself Together](#) is a story in *the Onion* of how Americans say "they are fed up with the nation's mental health system just languishing in its own misery and doing nothing to help itself."

[Aaron Rodgers hopes more athletes will help break the stigma around mental health](#) is a story on *Pro Football Talk* by Mike Florio who writes how the

attitudes and opinions about mental health issues are changing, and how Aaron Rodgers hopes that athletes will take this opportunity to continue using their platforms to discuss stress, anxiety, depression, and loneliness.

[058: Broadening the Conversation on Firearm Suicide: Emmy Betz](#) is a one-hour podcast from Dr. Emmy Betz about preventing suicide involving firearms.

[Covid stifled US mental health therapy. Online forums provided a safe haven](#) is a post on *The Guardian* by Sajina Shrestha who writes how people have increasingly turned to internet communities for support as the pandemic forced them to stay indoors.

[How to Deal with Renewed COVID Anxiety](#) is an *NPR* story in which Ari Shapiro talks with Dr. Lucy McBride about the emotional whiplash many in the United States are feeling now.



[Reforming How Medicare Pays for Digital Health](#) is a post on *Bill of Health* by Robert Horne and Lucia Savage who write how Congress has an opportunity to reform Medicare in 2024 when the Trust Fund will become insolvent.

[Delaware tries capping hospital price growth to fund more primary care](#) is a story on *Health Care Dive* by Samantha Liss who writes about a multi-pronged bill that forces certain payers to tie nearly half of their business to alternative payment models by 2023 and creates shared accountability for both the cost and quality of care.

[In a community with an abundance of wealth, mental health options still scarce](#) is a post on the *Montana Free Press* site by Mara Silvers who reports on how folks say that “behavioral health lacks a critical piece of infrastructure in Gallatin County” even though it is a community with an abundance of wealth and mental health options.

[Eliminating Inequity in Health Care Demands Measurement in Real Time](#) is an opinion piece in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Sara Rosenbaum who discusses how racial disparities exist even when other important factors are considered, such as family income and the broader condition under which Americans are born, grow up, go to school, live, work, and age.

[As employers and universities adopt vaccine mandates, Colorado school districts mostly quiet](#) is a story on *Colorado Chalkbeat* by Yesenia Robles who talked with Dr. Daniel Goldberg, public health law and ethics professor at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. He calls out a common misconception...that because the vaccines are currently under an emergency use authorization, they are experimental, which he said is false. “If it’s gone through the process to get emergency use authorization, it is an approved intervention.”

[Here’s what the COVID vaccine could look like if it gets full FDA approval](#) is a story on *9News* by Darius Johnson who calls out two important changes:

health care providers prescribing the vaccine and to reach those who said they were waiting for this approval to get the shot.

[United Behavioral Health, United Healthcare Insurance Company Plans to Pay \\$15.6M, Take Corrective Actions after Federal, State Investigations](#) is a press release by the U.S. Department of Labor following an investigation by the Employee Benefits Security Administration. The payout will be made to resolve mental health parity and addiction equity act violations.



[COVID-19 Patient Primary Care Survey Series 7](#) contains results from the survey fielded by the Green Center and PCC teams May 13-26, 2021 that addressed patient thinking and challenges related to their vaccination decisions.

[New Report Highlights How COVID-Relief Funds Can Be Used to Strengthen and Expand Medicaid School Programs and Address Student Mental Health Needs](#) is a post on the *Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families* site by Anne Dwyer who writes about a new report from the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National Center for School Mental Health, and the Healthy Schools Campaign that discusses ways for state education agencies and their partners to employ new COVID relief funding to support student and staff wellbeing, and connect students with needed care.

[Fear of COVID-19 in Kids Is Getting Ahead of the Data](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Dr. Lucy McBride, a practicing primary care doctor, who recommends prudence (not panic), avoid letting our fears race ahead of the data, and to become more tolerant of risk.

[Gun Violence Researchers Are Making Up for 20 Years of Lost Time](#) is a perspective piece in *JAMA* by Alicia Ault who writes about the increased funding for gun violence research, so many questions but so few answers, and the belief that science can move us to policy solutions.

[Well Being Trust Releases a New Guide on Understanding & Improved Mental Health](#) is a post on the Well Being Trust site announcing that the foundation has released a new guide: *A People's Guide to Healing the Nation: Advocating for Better Mental Health and Addiction Policy in our Communities*.

[Substance Use Issues Are Worsening Alongside Access to Care](#) is a report on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site by Nirmita Panchal and colleagues who provide data about the uptick in substance use.

[U.S. Mental Health Under Growing Strain in Covid's Second Summer](#) is a post on *Bloomberg* by Alexandre Tanzi who writes about new mental health data as the pandemic stressors linger.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Neal, Wyden, Casey, Bonamici Introduce Legislation to Reauthorize and Modernize Elder Justice Programs](#) is a press release about a bill that was unveiled this week designed to protect seniors across the country by reauthorizing and funding the Elder Justice Act.

[New Partnership Aims to Improve Housing Stability, Prevent Homelessness and Advance Health Equity](#) describes how George Washington's National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership is working with Kaiser Permanente to connect health systems with legal resources for greater housing stability and eviction prevention.

[Congress Revives Push to Codify DOJ Access to Justice Unit](#) is a post on *Law360* by Justin Wise who writes how a powerful, bipartisan group in Congress is reviving a proposal to permanently restore the U.S. DOJ's Office for Access to Justice, in a bid to codify the unit dedicated to legal representation for the poor that was shuttered by the Trump administration.

Health Center-Based MLPs: The 2020 Uniform Data System data is now available! announces how 2020 Uniform Data System data on health center patient demographics, services provided, clinical indicators, utilization rates, costs, and revenues is now available on the [Health Center Program Data and Reporting](#) webpages at data.hrsa.gov



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