



FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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[Tackling the basics](#) is this week's letter from Ben Miller in which he discusses what we can do today to help our workforce tomorrow.

[Milbank Memorial Fund Welcomes its 2024-25 Leadership Program Cohorts](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Sofia Espinosa about a 10-month leadership program, in its fourth year, for senior executive branch and legislative state leaders who are committed to improving the health of their communities. This article names the members of this year's cohorts.

[Family Engagement Strategies for Early Autism Intervention](#) is a Colorado ECHO series September 11-November 6 on Wednesdays 3:30-4:30PM MTs geared for those who have communication, social interaction, play and/or behavioral concerns, particularly those demonstrating an autism profile.

[Managing Rheumatic Conditions in Primary Care: Using eConsult Data to Answer Your FAQs](#) is a Colorado ECHO series September 10-October 15 on Tuesdays 12-1PM MT. Topics will include positive ANA tests, gout, fibromyalgia, osteoarthritis, regional musculoskeletal conditions and heritable connective tissue diseases.



[Medical Expertise – Balancing Science, Values, and Trust](#) is a perspective piece/audio interview with Barron Lerner on challenges to physician expertise and restoring trust in the medical profession. In an era when physicians' expertise is widely questioned, rather than assuming that it can be restored with better data, we need to understand how patients process both information and misinformation.

[Advice for aging in place: how to safely stay in your home as long as possible](#) is a post on *UCHealth Today* by Mary Gay Broderick who talks with Jodi Waterhouse, director of outreach at their Multidisciplinary Center on Aging at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, and Emily Johnson, licensed clinical social worker at the UCHealth Lone Tree Primary Care and Lone Tree Seniors Clinic. They address the benefits of aging in place and how best to do that.

[Colorado food banks may soon run out of the federal funds they use to buy local produce](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Parker Yamasaki about how federal funds received by Colorado food banks to buy local produce is running low with no replacement in sight.



[Proposed Medicare Fee Schedule Brings Important New Tools to Primary Care: Has CMS Nailed It?](#) is a blog post from Chris Koller on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site who talks about this year's proposed Medicare fee schedule rule that weighs "a hefty 2,248 pages," but one of the priorities this year is giving relief and support to primary care.

[A Pharmaceutical Economist is Working to Lower Prescription Drug Costs in Colorado](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences* by Jordan Kellerman about how R. Brett McQueen, PhD, the team leader for an agreement with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, to negotiate and track value-based contracts – agreements that help improve patient health outcomes and drive affordability by delivering savings to taxpayers, state and federal budgets in the form of manufacturer discounts.

[Controversial FDA Decision Authorizes Menthol-Flavored E-Cigarettes Despite Risks to Youth](#) is a perspective piece on *JAMA Network* by Rita Rubin about how the tobacco giant, Altria, has managed to do what rival RJ Reynolds has not...convince the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that authorizing the marketing of menthol-flavored e-cigarettes would protect the public's health.

[Boulder Police launches new program to improve officer interactions with those on the autism spectrum](#) is a *9 News* story by Rachael Krause about a new program designed to improve how officers interact with people on the autism spectrum by offering decals for people to put on cars and homes.

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[NIH study to pinpoint long Covid diagnosis comes up short](#) is an *NBC News* story by Dr. Akshay Syal about how researchers pored over lab results from more than 10,000 patients from across the United States, but couldn't find differences between patients with and without long Covid.

[Over 150 minutes of weekly aerobic exercise after concussion improves sleep](#) is a post on *Healio* by Andrew (Drew) Rhoades about recent study results that report the benefits of exercise after a concussion.

[National Study Shows How Internal Medicine Chief Residency Has Changed Over 20 Years](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Department of Medicine* website by Tayler Shaw who writes about how Dr. William Turbyfill contributed to a study that found better gender representation and new career trends – among other changes – in internal medicine chief residents 2001 to 2021.

[Leveraging a Standardized State Methodology that Measures Behavioral Health Clinical Spending to Improve Care](#) is a report on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* website by Vinayak Sinha and colleagues about states' use cases for a standardized approach to measuring behavioral health spending and considerations for implementation, leveraging recommendations for a standard methodology published in a previous Milbank report.

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MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[CrescentCare: An MLP for the Community](#) is a post on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* website by Amalis Córdova Mustafá about an MLP founded in 2012 that began providing free legal services to people living with HIV, and in recent years was expanded to LGBTQIA+ patients.

[Integrating Legal Services into North Carolina's Medicaid Waiver: Case Study](#) is a post on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* website by Kate Marple and Maria Casoni about a pathway that North Carolina created to ensure that health-harming legal needs and legal services are not overlooked in its strategies to manage its Medicaid program effectively and efficiently.

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