



# FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Standing in awe of John Fielder's courageous and beautiful legacy](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Dawn DiPrince about John Fielder, a Coloradan photographer of immeasurable talent, generosity and creativity, who passed away last week.

[Broomfield's Butterfly Pavilion becomes the first to hatch Colorado fireflies in captivity](#) is a story on the *Daily Camera* by Corbett Stevenson about how, after two years of research, scientists at the pavilion have become the first to ever raise Colorado fireflies in captivity. [Great news from my perspective having been intrigued with fireflies as a kid growing up in Omaha.]

[Hand & Upper Extremity Disorders: A Primary Care Perspective](#) is a one-day, hands on course October 28<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Anschutz Medical Campus Center for Surgical Innovation.

[Echo on Demand](#) provides information on available learning modules available at your own pace and schedule. [Past the Pandemic: Individual Wellbeing, Connection and Support](#) is an ECHO series August 24<sup>th</sup>-September 28<sup>th</sup> that will offer providers and staff an opportunity to navigate, normalize and validate worries, stressors and experiences related to various health care environments.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Rebuilding the trust to empower the future of healthcare](#) is a post on *HealthCareDive* by Diana Nole about how the loss of trust in healthcare providers represents a key challenge for health systems. One of the major causes of this erosion appears to be day-to-day clinical workloads. Can conversational AI help?

[Vaccination rates for Colorado children dropping, raising public health](#)

[concerns about measles](#) is a post on *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown and John Ingold about how the state health department is sending five vaccination vans to communities across Colorado in the hopes of getting kindergarteners immunized.

[Why School Vaccinations Are So Fraught, According to an Infectious Disease Specialist](#) is a post in *Education Week* by Elizabeth Heubeck about how vaccination requirements began in 1827. Dr. Sean O’Leary, professor of pediatrics infectious diseases at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, talked to the author about the protections and pitfalls associated with vaccinations as students return to school today.

[‘So much need’: How one group is helping teachers with mental health](#) is a story in *The Christian Monitor* by Jingnan Peng about Colorado Educator Support, a team of student and professors at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, who provide free mental health support to teachers and school staff in the state.

[Colorado’s housing market is so strained it’s endangering domestic violence victims, advocates say](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Elizabeth Hernandez about how advocates warn it’s not sustainable to connect the state’s most disenfranchised with housing in a hostile market.

[Rediscovering the Importance of Free and Charitable Clinics](#) is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Mark A. Hall, JD about how these clinics help overcome financial and logistical barriers to care, but stable and predictable funding as well as a better understanding of such clinics and their work, is required.



[Colorado governor seeks reversal of federal judge’s decision to block new law banning gun sales to anyone under 21](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about how Gov. Polis is seeking an expedited reversal of last week’s ruling to block enforcement of a new state law barring anyone younger than 21 from purchasing a firearm.

[The Water Surrounding the Iceberg: Cultural Racism and Health Inequities](#) is a post on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Eli K. Michaels and colleagues about how cultural racism permeates all levels of society, uplifts other dimensions of racism, and contributes to health inequities. This paper advances cultural racism as the “water surrounding the iceberg,” allowing it to float while obscuring its base.

[Some Colorado hospitals are still struggling financially, while the](#)

[picture is improving for others](#) is a post on *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how the Colorado Health Association says nearly half of the state's hospitals are losing money on patient care indicating that "revenue from patient care is not covering what it costs to provide that care."

[Costenheimer](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* blog by Chris Koller about a five-hour recording of Connecticut's first health care cost growth benchmark hearing during which they analyze the drivers of Connecticut's health care cost growth and setting expectations for a future annual rate of growth of 2.9% or less. Chris states that "all participants in the health care system must accept responsibility and contribute to a viable solution, instead of failing to show up, blaming the data, or passing the buck."

[Preparing Physicians for the Clinical Algorithm Era](#) is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Katherine E. Goodman and colleagues about the use of clinical decision support systems and the need to ensure they are safe and effective for clinical use.

[Opioid settlements from Big Pharma are helping Colorado communities fight fentanyl](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how the state plans to use more than \$700 million from opioid settlements to build treatment centers and prevention programs.

[Promoting Health Equity by Changing How We Pay for Care](#) is a post on *The Commonwealth Fund* blog by Celli Horstman that suggests reforming how we pay for care is one of the many tools the health system has to improve equity. These inequities are both preventable and treatable, and the status quo won't make it happen.

[Insurance brokers are giving the Colorado Option a fair shot](#) is an opinion piece by Leah Denzel and Meagan Fearing for *The Colorado Sun* that suggests that if folks are not choosing the public health insurance option, it's because other plans cost less and suit preferences better. This piece is in response to a previous guest column that suggested the inability for the Colorado Option to deliver lower premiums and high enrollment is, in part, the fault of Colorado's health insurance brokers.



[AHA News: What Is Shared Decision-Making, and How Can It Help Patients?](#) is an article in *U.S. News* about a new report from the AHA that explains the importance of shared decision-making and identifies barriers to its use and highlights gaps in the research about it. The

concept has its roots in cancer in the 1980s and has gradually spread to other fields. Done right, the conversation leads to a tailored approach to treatment that balances the best evidence-based care with the patient's goals.

[Supporting Black Maternal Health Clinicians as an Avenue to Improving Maternal Outcomes](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* blog by Faith Mitchell and Kima Joy Taylor about increasing the participation of Black clinicians in the maternal and perinatal health field is an essential step toward improving Black birth outcomes. The authors also suggest three policy principles to increase the numbers of Black birthing clinicians and supporting their success that relate to recruitment, support, and retention.



[Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is an article by John Kezer and Jessica Pekala in *Colorado Law* that explains the use of MLPs to improve the treatment of health care patients.

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