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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[University Technical Assistance Program Brings Rural Community Projects to Life](#) is a post on *CU Denver News* about a university-run design center, established in the 1960s, that connects rural communities and provides technical skills, resources, and funding assistance to bring community project dreams to life.

[Firearms in Colorado: Findings from the 2023 Colorado Firearm Injury Prevention Survey](#) is an online seminar co-hosted by the University of Colorado Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative and the Injury and Violence Prevention Center January 16, 2024, 12-1PM MT that will examine opportunities revealed by their findings in the areas of education and prevention of firearm-related harms in Colorado.

['We Are All Artists' Exhibit Features Work by CU Anschutz Campus Artists](#) is an announcement on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus School of Medicine* website by Greg Glasgow about a traveling exhibit created by participants in the Colorado Resiliency Arts Lab, an arts therapy program aimed at lowering rates of stress, anxiety, and burnout...now on display in the lobby of Children's Hospital Colorado through January 19.

Cheers for the merriest and healthiest of New
Years!



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Can family doctors deliver rural America from its maternal health crisis?](#) is an *NPR*

story by Sarah Jane Tribble about various ways the federal government is investing money and attention to increase the ranks of clinicians in rural America. Farley Center colleague and associate dean for rural health at the University of Colorado, Dr. Mark Deutchman, was interviewed about Colorado efforts related to the maternal health crisis.

[Officials confirm first case of measles in Colorado resident in five years](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown and John Ingold about how state health officials are warning unvaccinated people who were at DIA and Children's Hospital that the highly contagious disease can cause brain damage and even death.

[Navigating and Communicating about Serious Illness and End of Life](#) is an article in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Drs. Vicki Jackson and Linda Emanuel about how conversations about prognosis are difficult for patients and clinicians and how clinicians should partner with patients as they integrate prognostic information into goals and end-of-life decisions.

[Trusting the Patient: A CU Department of Medicine Leader's Transformational Encounter](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz News* website by Mark Harden about a story by Dr. Mark Earnest in *The New England Journal of Medicine* about an "odd request" from a patient.



[Moving Toward Inclusion: Access to Care Models for Uninsured Immigrant Children](#) is a *Milbank Quarterly* article by Katelyn Girtain and colleagues who discuss existing models that improve access to and delivery of consistent care for immigrant care.

[Screening for Housing Needs – Or Preventing Them?](#) is an opinion piece on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Ashley A. Meehan and Joshua M. Sharfstein who point out three ways clinicians and health care organizations can become involved in housing policy to improve social conditions and reduce health disparities.

[Getting the Lead Out: The Public Health Benefits of Infrastructure Upgrades](#) is an opinion piece on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Jonathan I. Levy of the Department of Environmental Health at Boston University School of Public Health in which he describes how many infrastructure investments can yield public health benefits and reduce health disparities.

[Many public colleges offer free tuition to low-income residents. The state may build on that with a "Colorado Promise."](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Brian Eason about how state lawmakers are considering a free tuition

guarantee for all low-income students. It may not cost as much as we think.

[Deciding for Patients Who Have Lost Decision-Making Capacity – Finding Common Ground in Medical Ethics](#) is a perspective piece by Dr. Bernard Lo in *The New England Journal of Medicine* about a process of change that shows how our thinking about medical ethics can evolve, and that persons with conflicting philosophical and religious views can reach important agreement.

[Colorado wants to hire lawyers to prosecute gun crimes in federal court, some of which are no longer illegal under state law](#) is a story on *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about how the legislature in recent years rolled back Colorado's blanket prohibition on felons having firearms, but it still exists on the federal level. The state wants to hire lawyers, as Denver and Aurora have done, to fill the prosecutorial void left by the change.



[Building High-Performing Primary Care Systems: After a Decade of Policy Change, Is Canada “Walking the Talk?”](#) is a *Milbank Quarterly* article by Monica Aggarwal and colleagues who studied changes over the last decade in policies across 13 Canadian provincial jurisdictions that address the structural features of high-performing primary care systems.

[Community Health Center Staff Perspectives on Financial Payments for Social Care](#) is an article on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Justin M. Lopez and colleagues about a study that explored how community health center staff perceive the current and potential influence of fee-for-service payments on clinical team's engagement in these activities.

[National Health Care Spending in 2022: Growth Similar to Prepandemic Rates](#) is the Medicare actuaries report in *Health Affairs* by Micah Hartman and colleagues about spending for 2022...incomprehensible amounts of money.

[Who is homeless in Denver? Let's look at the numbers.](#) is a post on *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown and Kevin Jeffers about how more than 9,000 people are either sleeping on the streets or in shelters, a number that doesn't include the growing number of immigrants.

[Study Provides New Insight into Low Social Determinants of Health Screening Rates](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Julie Milzer about how research details differences in Medicaid and commercially insured health plans.

[Why Older Men Are Killing themselves at Alarming Rates](#) is a story about a CDC report posted on *AARP* by Sharon Jayson about how more than half of deaths by suicide are among adults 45 years or older. And how firearm-related suicide was more common in older men.

[New Research Seeks to Understand the Refugee Experience of Primary Care after Resettlement](#) is a story on *CU Anschutz News* website by Melissa Santorelli about a report that explored how young adult refugees experience primary care after arriving in the United States led by ACCORDS researchers.



[MLP in Action: Using MLP to Understand and Address the Health-Harming Effects of Climate Change](#) is an online seminar sponsored by the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership January 11, 2024, at 11AM MT dedicated to empowering health center and MLP professionals.

[Medicaid Townhall: Redeterminations, Work Requirements, & Coverage for Undocumented Persons](#) was a virtual townhall held earlier in the year. If you missed this event, you can review the 1.5-hour recording.

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