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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Parity? More Like Parody](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller this week who writes that U.S. mental health parity laws are mostly a joke.

[Despite a growing multiracial population, your nurse probably does not look like you](#) is a press release from the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. Researchers offer five steps to improve diversity in nursing profession and education.

If you are a healthcare professional (physician, APP, RN, dietician, diabetes educator) in a primary care setting who work with patients with diabetes, perhaps you'll consider participating in a brief [research survey](#) about your comfort with diabetes services. Upon completion, you will be compensated a \$50 Amazon gift card for your time and participation.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Don't Give Up on Your Pandemic Resolutions Just Yet!](#) is a story in 5280 by Lindsey B. King and Spencer Campbell in which the authors interview experts and folks who did what they said they were going to do during the pandemic to find out how you can create a new you in the new normal.

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: Colorado's curve has bent and more](#) is Colorado School of Public Health dean, Jon Samet's, weekly commentary about last week's modeling report.

Introducing [State of Mind](#), a partnership of Slate and Arizona State University on the Slate website, which aims to offer nuanced commentary and reporting

that digs deeper into the debates and advancements happening in mental health.

A blue banner with a white silhouette of a domed building (like a state capitol) and clouds in the background. The text "POLICY EFFORTS" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters at the bottom.

POLICY EFFORTS

[Primary care clinicians are the glue to health and wellness. Their shortage spells trouble](#) is an opinion piece by Deborah Cohen on *Stat News* in which she writes about a global supply issue, diminishing number of primary care doctors and nurses, that is both an economic and logistic concept that most of us take for granted. The author reviewed the research literature to assess the evidence supporting whether policy initiatives targeting primary care access in each of five dimensions (availability of primary care clinicians, accessibility of primary care services geographically, accommodation in terms of appointment availability and hours, affordability, and acceptability in terms of comfort and communication between patient and clinician) have been effective in reducing health care disparities.

[Managing the opioid crisis in North America and beyond](#) is an editorial in *The Lancet*, which suggests that innovation and transformation must be met with reinforced regulation to end the opioid epidemic.

[Recovery community organizations need more than bake sales to help people survive addiction](#) is an opinion piece on *Stat News* by Ryan Hampton and William Stauffer who write that such organizations need much more than grassroots fundraising to sustain the vital work they do.

[Therapists say a new law requiring upfront cost estimates could discourage patients](#) is an *NPR* story by Julie Appleby about how a new law designed to protect people from surprise medical bills puts providers in an ethical bind and could discourage some patients from care.

[Can this wonky acronym \(and the funding model behind it\) fix Montana's mental health care system?](#) is a story in the *Billings Gazette* by Mara Silvers. Thinking that one program is going to “fix” decades of a fragmented system is probably going to be a set up for disappointment.

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RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[The Effectiveness of Policies to Improve Primary Care Access for Underserved Populations: An Assessment of the Literature](#) is a literature review posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Maanasa Kona and colleagues funded by the National Institute for Health Care Reform.

[Unintentional drug overdoses led to 200,000 years of lost life for U.S. preteens and teens who died between 2015 and 2019, study shows](#) is a CNN story by Jen Christensen who writes about a study in *JAMA Pediatrics* that may be one

of the first to calculate lives lost to unintentional drug overdoses among young people.

[Milbank Memorial Fund Collaborates with The Physicians Foundation and Robert Graham Center on New U.S. Primary Care Scorecard](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site about how the Milbank Memorial Fund and The Physicians Foundation are partnering with the Robert Graham Center to develop an annual “Health of U.S. Primary Care Scorecard” to measure the implementation of high-quality primary care to inform national and state policy.

[COVID vaccines don’t work for some people. For them, the pandemic remains terrifying.](#) is a story in the *Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about a study from National Jewish Health that expands the kind of patients who are at risk for not developing antibodies following a coronavirus vaccine shot.

[Difficulty Obtaining Behavioral Health Services for Children: A National Survey of Multiphysician Practices](#) is an article in the *Annals of Family Medicine* by Alyna T. Chien and colleagues who reviewed survey findings from a national cross-section of practices caring for children and that participated in the 2017-2018 National Survey of Healthcare Organizations and Systems in which 85% found it difficult to obtain help with evidence-based elements of pediatric mental health care.

[Reasons for Suicide During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Japan](#) is an article on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Masahide Koda and colleagues who set out to learn if the pandemic is associated with changes in the reasons for suicide in Japan.



[SDOH Academy Innovations Showcase Competition](#) is a webinar May 12, 2022, 1-2:30PM MT, which is an interactive training opportunity that incorporates an element of competition for health centers to showcase their innovations, designed to spark and/or advance innovations that support the role of health centers in creating both individual and systemic changes that address SDOH factors and improve the health of their communities.

[A Journey Home: Transforming Care, Providing Support, Expanding Access](#) is a forum to be held February 11th 11:30AM-12:45PM to learn how health system leaders are joining others to leverage Medicaid to provide housing supports and services for people who are homeless, link people to services that can prevent homelessness, and reduce housing insecurity by expanding access to affordable housing.

[Using Legal Services as Part of a Community Strategy to Improve Maternal and Child Health](#) is a 4-part learning collaborative in March and April aimed to develop and improve strategies and capacity to integrate social care as part of clinical practices by leveraging the expertise of lawyers and legal services teams to address maternal and child health social and legal needs.



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