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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[There's no place like home](#) is this week's letter from Ben Miller about the power of delivering care in people's homes.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[How a depression test devised by a Zoloft marketer became a crutch for a failing mental health system](#) is a post on *STAT* by Olivia Goldhill about how there's more to treating depression than writing prescriptions.

[Firearm Forensics on Trial](#) is a post on the *Hopkins Bloomberg Public Health* website by Alexander Gelfand about defense attorneys appealing a murder conviction enlisted the expertise of statisticians to determine whether the field of firearm forensics is grounded in solid science. The answer? Not even close.

[What the Fall of Roe vs. Wade Means for the Rest of the World](#) is a post on *Global Health Now* by Dayna Kerecman Myers about how the worry is that women and girls in poor countries stand to lose the most.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Colorado Democrats unveil their proposed expansion of the state's red flag gun law](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul and Elliott Wenzler about

a proposal that expands who can ask a judge to order the temporary seizure of someone's firearms in Colorado to health care providers, district attorneys and teachers.

[Opinion: The promise of universal health care deserves a proper analysis](#) is a commentary in *The Colorado Sun* by Bill Semple, chair of the Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, that makes the case for why lawmakers should pass the Analyze Statewide Publicly Financed Health Care Act to give Coloradans the evidence they need to decide whether to adopt a single-payer system.

[How Regional Health Hubs Can Improve Care for Medicaid Beneficiaries: Lessons from the Garden State](#) is an issue brief posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Kathleen Noonan about how the Camden Coalition has used the hub model to improve access to maternity care and behavioral health services and increase uptake of COVID-19 vaccines.

[Colorado gun buyers would have to wait 3 days before accessing their weapons under waiting-period proposal](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Elliott Wenzler and Jesse Paul about how the waiting-period bill to be unveiled this week in the House is part of a package of gun control measures Democrats are planning to introduce at the Capitol this year.

[Students from East High ask city council to help stop gun violence](#) is a *9 News* story by Kelly Reinke about how soccer teammates and classmates of 16-year-old Luis Garcia, shot near Denver East High School two weeks ago, spoke in front of Denver city council members this week about how they don't feel safe and made a plea to help end the violence.

[Colorado law makes it very difficult and financially perilous to sue the gun industry. That's likely to change.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Story* by Jesse Paul about how Colorado Democrats this year are poised to roll back the state's extra protections against lawsuits for gun and ammunition manufacturers and sellers, which are among the toughest in the country.

[Protecting the Legitimacy of Medical Expertise](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Richard J. Baron, MD and Carl H. Coleman, JD. about how, amid COVID, state lawmakers have embraced measures that could undermine medical boards' ability to differentiate practitioners who are providing fact-based advice from those who are not.

[Red and blue states look to Medicaid to improve the health of people leaving prison](#) is an NPR story by Ryan Levi and Dan Gorenstein about how using Medicaid to cover those who have been incarcerated prior to their release is an important way to help save lives and give people a chance at success.



[The Health of U.S. Primary Care: A Baseline Scorecard Tracking Support for High-Quality Primary Care](#) is a report posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund*

site about scorecard findings: 1) the United States is systematically underinvesting in primary care, 2) the primary care physician workforce is shrinking and gaps in access to care appear to be growing, 3) the percentage of adult reporting they do not have a usual source of care is increasing, 4) too few physicians are being trained in community settings, where most primary care takes place, and 5) there is almost no federal funding available for primary care research.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Improving Health Equity Through Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is an issue brief from the American Hospital Association that discusses how medical-legal partnerships can support vulnerable populations, and highlights case examples and resources.

[Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is a post on the *Community Legal Aid* website about how Community Legal Aid now operates three MLPs.



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