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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Rideshare for mental health](#) is this week's newsletter by Ben Miller that includes suggestions for ridesharing companies to enhance hiring/training in such a way that drivers could assist with the overwhelming lack of mental health resources.

[CVS Announces It's Closing Stores for Good](#) is a post on *American Web Media* by Alice Edwards about how 900 poor-performing stores will close over a span of three years.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Facing the New COVID-19 Reality](#) is a perspective piece in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Wafaa M. El Sadr and colleagues about navigating the current moment in the COVID-19 pandemic and learning lessons from past successes and missteps.

[Experts urge better opioid rescue drug access to save lives](#) is an AP story by Geoff Mulvihill and Sharon Johnson that reports that funding and distribution programs remain spotty due to inadequate support from government and private groups such as chambers of commerce.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Making Health Care More Affordable: A Playbook for Implementing a State Cost Growth Target](#) is a tool posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site that aims to provide a program design and implementation roadmap for states that are interested in, or in the process of, establishing a target. It offers concrete steps, practical tools, best practice strategies, and insights to guide states through the work.

[Fifty Years of Trust Research in Health Care: What Does It Mean for Policymakers](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* blog by Jody Platt and Lauren A. Taylor that reviews 50 years of research on trust in health care services to inform the health policy and health services research communities about themes, key findings, and methodological gaps.

[2023 Racial Equity Statement of Purpose](#) is the second annual report from the *Milbank Memorial Fund* that discusses its legacy and obligations, commitments to address health inequities, and 2023 initiatives.

[The funding cliff for student mental health](#) is a post on *AXIOS* by Sabrina Moreno about the dilemma public school districts are confronting regarding how to sustain counseling, screenings, teletherapy and other programs when the money runs out.

['You're treated like a criminal': Wisconsin eyes fixes for emergency mental health](#) is a *PBS* story by Erin McGroarty about how advocates are encouraging Wisconsin to regionalize mental health crisis services to reduce reliance on law enforcement and close gaps in rural areas, but how a legislative stalemate has stalled funding for any changes.

[AG Weiser 'happy to work' on expansion of Colorado's red flag law](#) is a story on *Colorado Newsline* by Sara Wilson about how Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser announced that he will work with lawmakers to draft legislation to expand the state's Extreme Risk Protection Order law.



[Primary Care Collaborative Launches State Primary Care Investment Hub](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Mary Louise Gilburg about a partnership between the Milbank Memorial Fund and the Primary Care Collaborative. It is designed to provide information and analysis about primary care investment at the state level to advocates, researchers, and state officials interested in reorienting state health systems and primary care.

[Massachusetts Primary Care Dashboard](#) is a dashboard of metrics to monitor the health of the primary care system in the Commonwealth. The dashboard measures the health of primary care along four domains: 1) finance, 2) capacity, 3) performance, and 4) equity.

[Massachusetts can finally measure the health of primary care](#) is an opinion piece in *The Boston Globe* by Barbra G. Rabson and Katherine Gergen Barnett

about how few people are paying attention to how ill primary care has become and how we may be spiraling toward the grim portrayal of a health care system lacking high-quality primary care.

[Are more people depressed & anxious, or are we just getting better at talking about mental health?](#) is a story in the *LA Times* by Laura Newberry about how we've tracked the prevalence/severity of mental health issues and the way we actually know mental health issues are on the rise and how such data are shaped by our increasing awareness of mental health issues.

[A new study on marijuana legalization in Colorado answers the question: Has legal pot made other drug problems worse](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about a study by researchers at the University of Colorado and the University of Minnesota that uses long-term data on twins to assess the impacts of cannabis legalization.

[Popular...to a Point: The Enduring Political Challenges of the Public Option](#) is a post in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Adrianna McIntyre and colleagues that reports on the 2020 national survey that found bipartisan support for a specific public option policy, but also divergent attitudes toward government that may thwart insurance reform efforts.



[HELP: MLP is Expanding: The Family Advocacy and Integrated Resources Project](#) is a post on the *HELP MLP* website about the expansion of a nursing legal partnership that provides services to families participating in home visiting programs across Philadelphia.

[Maternal deaths in the U.S. are staggeringly common. Personal nurses could help](#) is an NPR story by Laura Benshoff about a long time MLP program that gets results.



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