



FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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[Data dashboards that matter](#) is this week's letter from Ben Miller about holding ourselves accountable for good care.

[New Research on Select State Strategies to Reduce Prescription Opioid Misuse](#) is a webinar July 30, 11AM MT sponsored by The Milbank Quarterly and the NYU Langone Health that will discuss findings from two recent studies of state policies to improve opioid prescription safety.

[New workforce housing and creative space opens in Mancos](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Mark Stevens about a new Mancos Commons building that combines crucial units of affordable housing with space for artistic programming.



[The BHA Launches Statewide Campaign to Promote 988 Colorado Mental Health Line](#) is a post on the *Colorado BHA* website by Stefany Busch that describes an effort to increase awareness and utilization of the 988 Colorado Mental Health Line, a service that connects people in Colorado to trained crisis specialists offering compassionate mental health, emotional, and substance use support via call, text, and chat.

[Heat stress, heat stroke, and rethinking neighborhoods to stay cool](#) is a *CPR News* story by Carl Bilek and Michelle P. Fulcher about how to reduce the risk for heat-related illness.

[Colorado hospital expects increase in patients during heat waves](#) is a *CBS News* story by Kelly Werthmann about how the UCHHealth University of

Colorado Hospital team in Aurora is prepared to aid patients as temperatures rise, most of whom are likely to be older or more vulnerable individuals. Heat coupled with the high altitude can be a dangerous combination.

[46 health IT leaders predict the future of healthcare delivery](#) is a story on the *Beckers Hospital* website by Kate Muldoon about how IT leaders will be coming together this fall at an annual health IT conference in Chicago and who have responded to a host of questions ahead of time. Overall, the sentiment is that the future of healthcare is likely to be more personalized, accessible, and integrated; leveraging technology to meet the challenges of global health needs and evolving patient expectations.

[Climate change is making Colorado heat waves more likely – and more likely to be extreme](#) is a *CPR News* story by Joe Wertz about how state climatologist, Russ Schumacher, reported that people today are likely to experience extremely high temperatures every few years (and last longer), instead of every 10-20 years.

[Understanding and Addressing Intimate Partner Homicide](#) is a post on the *Rockefeller Institute of Government* website by Jesenia Pizarro in honor of National Gun Violence Awareness Month, which calls out intimate partner homicide...fatal incidents where a person is killed by a current or former intimate partner. Women are disproportionately the victims of these violent actions.



[Medicare Advantage and Consolidation's New Frontier – The Danger of United Healthcare for All](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Hayden Rooke-Ley and colleagues that involves an interview with Erin C. Fuse Brown, MD, MPH about a vertical-consolidation trend that has given insurance companies increased control over the care-delivery system.

[Colorado legislators demand answers from Aurora V about patient safety, halt in surgeries due to mysterious residue](#) is a post in *The Denver Post* by Sam Tabachnik about how Hickenlooper, Bennet and Crow are “increasingly concerned” about the hospital’s operations.



[Colorado dropped people from Medicaid at a rate comparable to red states, alarming advocates for the poor](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Rae Ellen Bichell about how Colorado had all the policy ingredients in place to cushion the fallout from this unwinding, yet it seems the cushion hasn't been employed according to KFF data.

[Vaccines and social distancing saved 800,000 American lives from COVID, according to a new study by a CU professor](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about a study that doesn't downplay the other tolls of COVID countermeasures, instead tries to chart a path for better pandemic preparedness and prevention.

[How Payment Caps Can Reduce Hospital Prices and Spending: Lessons from the Oregon State Employee Plan](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* website by Roslyn C. Murray and colleagues about an Oregon law passed in 2017 prohibiting hospitals from charging the state employee plan more than 200% of what Medicare pays for in-network hospital facility services and 185% for out-of-network prices, and lessons learned including a reduction in hospital prices and spending.

[One in five pregnant women report using CBD-only products](#) is a post on *Healio* by Erin T. Welsh about the wide use of CBD-only products during pregnancy despite limited available data on potential adverse outcomes. The author refers to a study that addresses gaps in knowledge regarding the characteristics of pregnant women currently using CBD-only products.



[Envisioning a More Equitable Future: Advancing Stakeholder-Centered Innovation](#) is a pre-conference workshop at the 2024 ACU Conference August 4-7 in Washington DC.

Initiatives sponsored by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnerships are varied. [Check them out here](#) which include resources, tools, issue briefs, reports, and trainings.

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