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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Please note, there will be no Friday's Features publication July 14th as the editor will be cruising Alaska/the Inside Passage.

[These 11 doctors are moving medicine forward. Find out how.](#) is a post on the AMA site by Kevin B. O'Reilly about 11 clinicians who have been recognized by the AMA Foundation for their altruism, advocacy and professional skill. Awardees include Dr. Warren Heffron, a primary care colleague from the University of New Mexico, and Dr. Matt Wynia, director of the University of Colorado Center for Bioethics and Humanities.

[The Benson Hotel and Faculty Club Celebrates Grand Opening](#) is a post on *What Now Denver* by Lisa Hay about how this facility, opening July 18th, is the new hospitality center for the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus designed to accommodate the needs of the hospitals and the university by offering guestrooms, a full-service restaurant, light-filled meeting facilities, and a ballroom and rose garden for large social functions.

[Endocrine Explained](#) is an 11 week ECHO series (August 2nd to October 18th; 12-1PM MT) geared for primary care providers that will cover the highest yield endocrinology conditions encountered in the primary care setting, focusing on recognition, initial diagnostic testing and basic management of endocrinopathies pending subspecialist involvement.

[Exploring Ethics and Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace](#) is an announcement of a webinar sponsored by the Center for Health, Work & Environment July 19th, 12-1PM MT that will focus on the challenges of and opportunities for AI in the workplace.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Celebrating 50 Years of Service](#) is a story about Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, a federally qualified health center

serving the richly diverse community of Kalihi in the City of Honolulu. The program began in 1972 with four employees from the community whose job it was to walk door to door sharing the value of “Neighbors being neighborly to neighbors” through talk-story.”

[When doctors sugarcoat the truth, patients get shortchanged](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Eve Glicksman about how too much information can be unhelpful and confusing, but a dodge by a physician can feel invalidating and frustrating when a patient or a caregiver suspects all is not well.

[Hundreds languish in jails as Colorado’s state-run mental health hospitals can’t find enough nurses](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how the state is offering \$14,000 signing bonuses and \$5,000 retention bonuses in its quest to hire 260 nurses in Pueblo and Ft. Logan.



[How the Supreme Court ruling on race-based admissions could affect Colorado Students](#) is a post on *Chalkbeat* by Jason Gonzales about how “excellence is not defined by a test score, so this will force us to define excellence even better” according to Shanta Zimmer, senior associate dean for education at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

[A Twenty-First Century Medicaid Child Health Policy: Modernizing EPSDT](#) is an opinion piece on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Sara Rosenbaum and Kay Johnson about the evolution of Medicaid child health policies and how child health advocates continue to work tirelessly to promote efforts to incorporate early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT), grounded in health equity.

[More than 2 in 5 Coloradans who had eligibility reviewed lost Medicaid in first assessment since COVID](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Meg Wingerter about a rate, affecting about 53,000 people, in line with Medicaid eligibility reviews before the pandemic.

[Why every public rate hearing for the Colorado Option health insurance plans got cancelled](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how hearings continue to be cancelled given that Michael Conway, Colorado Insurance commissioner, can learn nothing from them or do after them to reduce prices as every hospital named in a complaint said they had already reduced their prices as much as required by law...possibly indicating that this year’s public hearing process has been an effective tool to get companies and health care providers to negotiate lower reimbursement rates.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Assessing the Effectiveness of Policies to Improve Access to Primary Care for Underserved Populations, Case Study Analysis: Kanawha County, West Virginia](#) is a case study, the 5th in a series, published on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Maanasa Kona and colleagues to assess the effectiveness of various policy initiatives to expand access to primary care in the region, particularly for underserved populations.

[The Expansive Impact of Navigator Programs](#) is a post on the *Northwestern Medicine* site about a study that proved the benefits of navigators in helping patients overcome healthcare inequity.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[HELP MLP: Improving Health with Law since 2009](#) is an MLP at Delaware Law School that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of pregnancy and parent families in southeastern Pennsylvania by providing integrated civil legal services through public health partnerships that address harmful social and structural determinants of health.

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