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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[National Primary Care Transformation Summit](#) is a virtual conference July 26-29 free of charge for clinicians with an impressive line-up of speakers to include Drs. Berwick, Blumenthal, Berenson, and Andy Slavitt, who will address the future of health care transformation.

[For Our Youth, Pain Often Hides in Plain Sight](#) is last week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he discusses a new PBS documentary that shines a light on youth mental health.

[ABFM Research to Launch Equity and Diversity Policy Brief Series](#) is a multi-year policy brief series on examining equity and diversity in the family medicine workforce featured in the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine. The first was published in the November-December 2021 issue.

[Money on my mind](#) is this week's newsletter by Ben Miller in which he discusses preserving our mental health in times of economic uncertainty.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Why fixing Colorado's health care system is becoming more about housing and less about insurance](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how Michele Lueck, the outgoing head of the Colorado Health Institute, says lawmakers have done "about all they can" to expand access to health insurance, just one narrow area of the state's health care system.

[The COVID-19 Pandemic and More: Colorado's epidemic curve bends, the](#)

[Supreme Court threatens public health, and FDA takes strong action on tobacco at last](#) is last week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, dean of the Colorado School of Public Health.

A statement made on behalf of the chancellor and the deans from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus relative to the recent overturn of Roe v. Wade can be [read here](#).

[What State Officials Should Do Right Now to Support Maternal Health](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Kate McEvoy about the actions recommended by the author that state officials and their community partners should take relative to longstanding, shared commitments to improving maternal health and eliminating racial disparities.

[Colorado tried to protect people who live in mobile home parks. A Gunnison community fell through the cracks.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Nancy Lofholm about how the new owner of the renamed Ski Town Village hasn't filled the potholes, cut the trees that threaten to fall on homes, or fixed the spotty water supply. But he has raised rents by 73%.

[The COVID-19 Pandemic and More: Colorado's pandemic plateaus, and the Supreme Court continues to threaten public health](#) is this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, dean of the Colorado School of Public Health.



[The Solution Shop and the Production Line – The Case for a Frameshift for Physician Practices](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Drs. Christine A. Sinsky and Jeffrey Panzer in which the authors suggest strategically directing necessary production-line work in medical practices away from the professionals with the most clinical expertise so that physician skills for the nuanced work of problem solving, medical decision making, and relationship building can be preserved.

[Lawmakers v. the Scientific Realities of Human Reproduction](#) is an editorial in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by the journal editors who suggest that abolishing longstanding legal protections, the U.S. Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade serves American families poorly, putting their health, safety, finances, and futures at risk; and they strongly condemn the U.S. Supreme Court's decision.

[\\$400 million in long-awaited opioid settlement money will begin to go out to Colorado communities by late summer](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by John Aguilar about how the first dollars of a years-long, multi-state legal settlement designed to punish pain pill manufacturers and distributors for their role in the nation's lethal opioid addiction scourge will start flowing into hard-hit Colorado communities starting in August and September.

[Supreme Court Gun Ruling Could Have Implications for Denver](#) is an article in *Westword* by Conor McCormick-Cavanagh about how the landmark ruling

limiting how much the State of New York can restrict the issuance of concealed-carry permits can have implications for other states and municipalities.

[Colorado lawmakers had ambitious plans to help kids in crisis this year. Not all the ideas made the cut.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how some of the big idea reforms for children were pushed to the side or relegated to task force conversations, though Colorado approved “once-in-a-generation” funding for children’s psychiatric care.

[WA lawmaker says launch of 988 system has the opportunity to ‘save lives’](#) is a post on *MyNorthwest* by Hanna Scott about how Washington State is far ahead of the pack on how to pay for the new 988 system from staffing to resources. It is one of four states to pass implementation legislation, including a comprehensive funding plan.

[Georgia health insurers will have to cover mental health treatments under new law](#) is a post on *Rome News Tribune* by Rebecca Grapevine who reports on the state’s new mental health parity law.

[American Psychological Association condemns SCOTUS abortion decision](#) is a post in *The Washington Post* by Kelsey Ables about how APA, which represents more than 140,000 psychology professionals in the United States, warns that the abortion decision is likely to exacerbate the mental health crisis.



[Effect of Social Needs Case Management on Hospital Use Among Adult Medicaid Beneficiaries](#) is an article in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* about a randomized study that assessed the population-level impact of a case management program designed to address patients’ social needs.

[Scientists Predict “Brain Drain” from States that Ban Abortion](#) is an article in *The Scientist* by Dan Robitzski about how, following the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, numerous researchers have announced plans to either vacate or decline career opportunities in states where abortion is or will soon be illegal.

[Child and Teen Firearm Mortality in the U.S. and Peer Countries](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site by Matt McGough and colleagues about how the authors examined how gun violence and other types of firearm deaths among children and teens in the United States compares to rates in similarly large and wealthy countries.

[Surprise Medical Bills Have Been Banned Since January. 1 in 5 Americans Say They or Their Family Have Gotten an Unexpected Charge Anyway](#) is a post on *Morning Consult* by Gaby Galvin about a survey that highlights confusion around the ban’s protections and health care transparency.

[A Look at Suicide Rates Ahead of 988 Launch – A National Three-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline](#) is an issue brief on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site by

Heather Saunders and Nirmita Panchal that uses 2010-2020 CDC WONDER data to examine trends in suicide rates over time and by race and ethnicity, sex, age, and state, ahead of the implementation of 988.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[New Medical-Legal Partnership with Cleveland Clinic will Improve Community Health](#) is a post on *The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's* site about a recent MLP launch with the Cleveland Clinic and Legal Aid, bringing their total number of MLPs to four, and establishing the Legal Aid's presence at every major health care institution in Northeast Ohio.

[Medical-Legal Partnerships: A Symposium and Scholarly Journal](#) is a call for abstracts examining the past, present and future MLPs with the goal of producing groundbreaking scholarship and direction for the MLP movement. This event is sponsored by the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School, the Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance, and Penn State Dickinson Law in partnership with the *Journal of Law, Medicine, & Ethics*. Abstracts are due August 1, 2022, and the symposium will be hosted at Yale March 3, 2023.



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