

## FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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The three numbers that could save your life is this week's letter from Ben Miller about what our history with 911 can teach us about 988 with some actions to take.

'Hope in the Valley' now accepting clients is an announcement in *Alamosa News* by Priscilla Waggoner about the opening of a new treatment and recovery center in Alamosa that serves as a "beacon of hope for those seeking help." The center has 10 detox beds for immediate assistance, along with intense outpatient therapy and partial hospitalization programs.

June 26 is bike-to-work day. Consider pledging to ride.

<u>CCTSI/ACCORDS Quarterly Community Engagement Forum</u> is July 24, 12-1PM MT. This forum will focus on mental and emotional health in rural Colorado.



Health Care beyond Clinic Walls – Sustaining and Scaling Up Street Medicine is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Michael Liu and colleagues about how a new CMS place-of-service code supports the treatment of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The authors suggest that health systems, payers, and policymakers should take additional steps to bolster street medicine.

<u>Can Technology Help Us More Accurately Diagnose Mental Illnesses?</u> is a story in the *Smithsonian Magazine* by Daliah Singer about a new tools that aim to offer quicker, more objective assessments to help patients and clinicians.

Foundations in Urology: Empowering Primary Care is a Colorado ECHO series, June 4-August 30 (no sessions in July) on Tuesdays (7AM MT) and Fridays (8AM MT). June 28 will feature Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia: Evaluation and Medical Management in Primary Care by Dr. Granville Lloyd, Urology Program Director and Associate Professor, Surgery-Urology, CU School of Medicine.

What To Do When Science Gets it Wrong is an opinion piece by Dr. Sandro Galea posted on the Boston University *Public Health Post* about good faith science and the importance of understanding the context in which scientific work is accomplished.

Minding the mental health of Colorado' kids is an editorial in *The Gazette* about the perils facing Colorado kids and how AG Phil Weiser announced plans to use \$20 million from a settlement between the AG and a vaping manufacturer to boost the state's mental health services for youth. The money will provide grants to pursue partnerships that target the promotion of mental wellness and interventions for students identified with mental health concerns and with serious concerns that affect daily functions.

How Will Evolving 'Forever Chemical' Standards Affect Health? is a post on the *Anschutz School of Medicine* website by Kara Mason about how Dr. Ned Calonge, associate dean for public health practice in the Colorado School of Public Health and associate professor of family medicine, explains new drinking water regulations around per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances and what it means for human health.



Governor, lawmakers are already planning big revisions to Colorado's first-in-the nation artificial intelligence law is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tamara Chuang about how revisions to Senate Bill 205 will be made in response to a request from business leaders.

Toward a Climate-Ready Health Care System: Institutional Motivators and Workforce Engagement is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Caleb Dresser and colleagues about the opportunities including those health care workers have, both profession-specific and role-specific, to address the causes and impacts of climate change.

Keeping It Political and Powerful: Defining the Structural Determinants of Health is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Jonathan C. Heller and colleagues about how a focus on conditions of daily life is insufficient, and the

authors have highlighted the need to focus on the structural causes – those closer to the root of inequities – and solutions.

<u>Training foreign doctors already in Colorado will go a long way to solving state's physician shortage</u> is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Dr. Philip Fung about a model used at Denver Health to train foreign doctors that could benefit with more state support to grow.



Questioning a Taboo: Physicians' Interruptions during Interactions with Patients is an essay posted on *JAMA Network's A Piece of My Mind* by Larry B. Mauksch about the art of interrupting to right the course and deliver quality patient care.

An experiment doled out money to homeless people in Denver, no strings attached. Here's what happened. is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how the percentage of people who had housing at the 10-month check-in of the Denver Basic Income Project climbed to 45%.

Experiences and Interest in Value-Based Payment (VBP) Arrangements for Medical Products among Medicaid Agencies: An Exploratory Analysis is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Beena Bhuiyan Khan and colleagues about a study that aimed to characterize the use of VBP arrangements for medical products and knowledge of their design and impact have been mainly concentrated among private payers.



MLP Townhall: Interactive Forum on MLP Planning, Implementation, and Practice is the culmination of a webinar series June 27, 11AM-12:3PM MT that aims to bring together the knowledge and insights gained throughout the series.

Fostering Sustainability through Performance Measurement in Health Center Medical-Legal Partnerships: Insights from a Diverse Learning Collaborative is an issue brief by James Teufel, MPH, PhD, consultant for the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, which highlights the crucial role of sustainability in clinical settings.

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