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[CU Pediatrics Faculty Member on Advisory Board for Michelle Obama's Company Developing Healthy Food for Kids](#) is an interview posted on the CU Anschutz School of Medicine site with Dr. Shale Wong about her recent appointment to the advisory committee for Michelle Obama's new company, PLEZi, and her relationship with Obama.

[\\$600,000 NIH grant for Colorado School of Public Health Community Climate Hub](#) is a post on the *Colorado School of Public Health* site about an award made to support the first year of work for the newly established Mountain West Alliance for Community Engagement Climate and Health (ACE-CH) Hub, a community of public health researchers and community members working to identify evidence-based and community-driven action in the face of the climate crisis.

[CU Anschutz Receives \\$50 Million from the Anschutz Foundation to Accelerate Breakthroughs in Medicine](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Julia Milzer about how the campus will create the Anschutz Acceleration Initiative to fund healthcare solutions and impact patient care with the Anschutz Foundation gift.

[Cathy J. Bradley, PhD, named as Colorado School of Public Health's next Dean](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Kelsea Pieters about how Dr. Bradley will become the school's fourth dean, effective August 1st.

[Better together](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about our ongoing challenge treating mental health and addiction.

[Youth Mental Health Canada](#) is a website with resources worth checking out.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Meet the 28 working mothers of the first graduating class from Denver Public Schools' new community hubs](#) is a CPR story by Jenny Brundin about six family resource centers opened by DPS last fall to help with childcare, food, language classes, and GED diplomas.

[The Off-Ramp from COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Orders: Are We on a Road Forward or a U-Turn?](#) is an opinion piece on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Paula M. Lantz that suggests the COVID-19 roadmap forward should be aimed toward low rates of endemic disease, strengthened public health infrastructure and authority, and progress in poverty prevention, health insurance coverage, sick leave, and other health-related policies.

[How the Arts Can Benefit Your Mental Health \(No Talent Required\)](#) is a post in *The New York Times* by Christina Caron about how drawing, music and writing can elevate mood, and provides some easy ways to introduce and welcome them into our lives.

[A Shortcut for Feeling Just a Little Happier](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Arthur C. Brooks about how mental and physical pain share neurological roots, and how a simple painkiller can help with both.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Colorado governor vetoes bill that would have given local governments right of first refusal to buy multifamily housing](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul and Elliott Wenzler about how business groups asked Gov. Polis to veto HB 1190 aimed at increasing affordable housing options across the state, and he did.

[Why a showdown over Jared Polis' big health insurance reform program fizzled – and what it means.](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how public hearings over prices for Colorado Option plans were supposed to kick off this week, but the first one was cancelled.

[New Medicaid Proposed Rules Focus on Primary Care](#) is an issue brief posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Lauryn Walker about how the Biden-Harris administration rules focus on primary care and equity for beneficiaries, setting a maximum wait time for routine primary care and requiring states to enforce wait times and maintain provider directory accuracy, publication of payment rates, and development of a public-facing webpage for required reports. There is concern about current workforce shortage to facilitate these rules.

[Jared Polis isn't going to ban guns. But that might not be the point of the](#)

[Colorado Capitol sit-in](#). is a story covered by Parker Yamasaki and colleagues for *The Colorado Sun* about how part of asking for radical change is to garner attention, regardless of whether demands will be met.

[Rural, conservative school boards echo each other's opposition to new mental health law](#) is a *9 News* story by Marc Sallinger about how multiple districts read the exact same resolution, word for word, saying they oppose House Bill 1003 even before it was signed into law, a bill to help students get access to mental health help.

[Colorado will cap the cost of EpiPens at \\$60 starting in January](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Meg Wingerter about a new law signed by Gov. Polis that caps the out-of-pocket cost for a two-pack of epinephrine auto-injectors at \$60.



[Training the Primary Care Workforce to Deliver Team-Based Care in Underserved Areas: The Teaching Health Center Program](#) is a report published on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Emily Hawes and colleagues about the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education program that is a model designed to align health workforce training with population health needs. The authors emphasize that long-term financial uncertainty undermines the sustainability of teaching health centers.

[Youth Mental Wellness Survey Report \(August 2019\)](#) contains the results of a Canadian youth mental wellness survey done a few years back, prior to COVID.



[Medical-Legal Partnership in Primary Care: Moving Upstream in the Clinic](#) is a review article in the *American Journal of Lifestyle in Medicine* by Elizabeth Tobin Tyler that describes the MLP approach to addressing the SDH, examines its benefits for improving the delivery of primary care for vulnerable patients and populations, and explores new opportunities for MLP with the advent of systems reforms driven by the ACA.

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