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[2024 Colorado Capital Conference seeks participants](#) is a post on *CU Connections* about an invitation from U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper, together with Colorado Mesa University, the University of Colorado, and Colorado State University for all Colorado residents to apply to the bipartisan Colorado Capital Conference June 11-13 in Washington D.C. This is an opportunity for Coloradans to come together to share ideas. Applications are due March 22.

[The same old song and dance](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about calling out inefficiencies everywhere.

[Albert Einstein College of Medicine: An unimaginable gift just changed these student's lives](#) is a story covered by Kayla Epstein and Phil McCausland for *BBC News* about the transformative gift from Dr. Ruth Gottesman (1 billion dollars) intended to eliminate tuition fees for those studying medicine at this Bronx medical school.

[Pediatric Psychiatry in Primary Care: Core Essentials](#) is an upcoming ECHO series March 7-April 18 designed for Colorado prescribing primary care providers to provide participants the baseline knowledge and skills needed to assess and treat pediatric mental/behavioral health conditions in primary care.

Primary Care for All Americans (PCAA) is building a movement to bring advanced primary care to everyone, in every American neighborhood and community. Join PCAA for a conversation about making primary care accessible for all. [Register here](#) for the Teach-In/Learn-In event March 5 at 6:30PM MT. Check out the PCAA website [here](#).

[Gov. Polis Announces New Behavioral Health Administration Commissioner](#) is a post on *Colorado.gov* in which Gov. Polis announces Dannette R. Smith as the Commissioner of the Behavioral Health Administration, effective March 18th. She comes to Colorado from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Naloxone vending coming to Colorado clinics](#) is a story by Andy Koen for *KOAA News* about a plan by CU Anschutz Medical Campus healthcare professionals to get Naloxone into the hands of the public, distributing them in vending machines.

[Why we haven't fulfilled our potential with telehealth](#) is an 18-minute *Apple Podcast* (temperature episode) where the focus is the potential of hydrogen beneath the ground and why we haven't fulfilled our potential with telehealth.

[Mobile harm reduction van aims to help with safer substance use, overdose prevention in Arapahoe County](#) is a post on *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers about the new mobile unit, Prevention Point, which hopes to help people struggling with addiction while also offering sexual health services.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Colorado Medicaid is discriminating against people with disabilities, federal complaint claims](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown and Tatiana Flowers about how families of people with disabilities have been receiving notices that they're no longer eligible for services, causing panic, confusion and delays.

[Coloradans need greater equity to end-of-life care options, and new bill would help](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Ashley D. Fry who discusses the barriers that remain for reasonable access to the resources for medical aid in dying, despite voters' support in 2016.

[Transforming Diversity of a Family Medicine Residency Program](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Drs. José E. Rodríguez and Kirsten Stoesser as part of a series of brief case studies to offer glimpses of initiatives designed to address a particular manifestation of discrimination in medicine or health care. This piece is about a strategy to assist the University of Utah in training a physician workforce that can optimally meet the needs of its community's patient population, which involves analyzing and revising the rubric used to select candidates for residency interviews.

[Area students, parents protest at Denver capitol building to push for gun](#)

[reform legislation progress](#) is a post in *The Denver Gazette* by Tom Hellauer about a rally that took place this week to bolster support for Senate Bill 24-131 that would prohibit firearms, concealed or not, from places such as public parks, hospitals, sporting venues and more.

[Colorado hospital giant's lawsuits fill county courtrooms with defendants and confusion](#) is a *9 News* story by Chris Vanderveen about how UCHealth insists it rarely sues, but its lawsuits – thousands per year – continue to send people to court.



[The Health of US Primary Care: 2024 Scorecard Report – No One Can See You Now](#) is the second national Primary Care Scorecard that reveals an intensifying primary care crisis and identifies five reasons why access to affordable, quality primary care services are expected to get worse. This report was developed by Yalda Jabbarpour and colleagues at the AAFP Robert Graham Center and co-funded by the Milbank Memorial Fund and the Physicians Foundation.

[Peer-to-Peer Discussions on Securely Storing Personal Firearms in Military Communities Could Lead to Fewer Firearm Suicides](#) is a post on the *CU Department of Emergency Medicine* website by Colleen Miracle about how CU faculty members are leading efforts in researching the most effective methods to encourage military communities to communicate and learn about lethal means safety.

[CDPHE Partners with the Colorado School of Public Health to Launch the State's First Gun Violence Prevention Resource Bank](#) is a post on the *Colorado School of Public Health* website about how the Office of Gun Violence Prevention within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has partnered with the Injury and Violence Prevention Center in the Colorado School of Public Health to publish the state's first-ever resource bank regarding gun violence in Colorado – a research and data hub designed to be used by diverse audiences from researchers to the general public.

[State launches first-ever firearm data dashboard meant to help Coloradans better understand gun violence, prevention](#) is another story about the above mentioned resource bank, this one posted on *CPR News* by John Daley that reiterates the fact that for the first time, data about gun violence and use in Colorado has been gathered in one place so people can see the stark

[Addressing Health Inequities in the Black Community](#) is a story on the *Anschutz School of Medicine* website by Greg Glasgow about how research

across the CU School of Medicine is aimed at studying and improving disparities that prevent equal access to care and treatment.



[Building Community Partnerships to Serve Older Adults](#) provides learning collaborative recordings with tools and strategies on the *Social Determinants of Health Academy* site to initiate, develop, and sustain community partnerships to better serve older adult residents of public housing.

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