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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Just like that Daylight Saving Time is back as of 2AM Sunday.

[*On a Mission to Create Meaningful Progress on Diversity and Inclusion*](#) is a story on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus site, which announces that Dr. Kia Washington is on a mission to radically improve the experience for young doctors from underrepresented backgrounds in medicine, looking to substantially increase their numbers.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*CU med students are helping older Coloradans get vaccine appointments*](#) is a story by Matt Mauro for KDVR about how UHealth Seniors Clinic partnered with CU School of Medicine students. The students reached out to ~ 1,000 clinic patients to answer their vaccine questions and help them make appointments.

[*Denver hospital uses telehealth to keep COVID-19 patients out of ICU*](#) is a story by Alexa Liacko for *The Denver Channel* about how telehealth has been available for years, but it took a pandemic for doctors and patients alike to fully adopt this contactless connection. Denver Health adopted the “Virtual Hospital at Home” program, a telehealth program for COVID-19 patients who could treat their symptoms from home.

[*Why do some people believe health misinformation?*](#) is a story in *Medical News Today* by Kimberly Drake about how the prevalence of health misinformation on social media is growing, and referenced a [systematic review](#) that recently examined 69 studies that focused on the very same.

[*Why we need to end the silence around pregnancy loss*](#) is a story on *Ideas.TED.com* by Dr. Lisa K. Hanasono who talks about how 10-20% of known pregnancies end in miscarriage, yet in the United States there are few mainstream cultural rituals to help people bereaved by such loss...individuals often grieve privately instead.

[*COMIC: How One COVID-19 Nurse Navigates Anti—Mask Sentiment*](#) is an NPR story by Ryan Kellman, Nathan Rott, and Isabel Seliger who relates the angst of an ICU nurse in Boise in words and pictures.

[*Global rise in childhood mental health issues amid pandemic*](#) is a story by John Leicester for *ABC News* about the alarming impact the pandemic has had on the mental health of children globally.

[*Mental Health Is a Matter of Public Health Too*](#) is a story by Sarah Holder on *Bloomberg.com* about experts who weigh in on how social ties and local leadership can help with the increased stress and anxiety felt around the world.



[*What Does the American Rescue Plan Mean for Health Care Coverage?*](#) is a story by Timothy S. Jost on *The Commonwealth Fund* that examines the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 and marketplace subsidy provisions that are expected to extend coverage to millions of Americans.

[*Transforming Pediatric Primary Care: Moving from Theory to Practice in Massachusetts and Beyond*](#) is a post on *Health Affairs Blog* by James M. Perrin and colleagues about concrete policy options that a Massachusetts group has identified and a roadmap they created with specific, actionable reforms that the state can adopt in the upcoming renewal of its Medicaid 1115 waiver.

[*Seeking Affordability and Transparency, Five States Join the Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs*](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Rachel Block and Keanan Lane who report that CT, OR, NV, NJ and WA were selected to participate in the Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs and will be provided support to set and implement health care cost growth targets as a first step toward making health care more affordable and transparent.

[*We Must Extend Postpartum Medicaid Coverage*](#) is an opinion piece in *Scientific American* by Jamila K. Taylor and colleagues who suggest additionally, this action must go hand in hand with better access to quality care, redress of systemic barriers to vital health, and social services and supports.

[*What COVID taught us in a year*](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Kavita Patel for *MSNBC* who cites public health infrastructure, mental health services and science communication as the three areas that policymakers and leaders must

prioritize.

[*Why is it so hard to put better mental health policies in place? Part II*](#) is this week's segment from Ben Miller in his weekly newsletter, *Mental: Fighting the fragmentation of mental health one policy at a time*. He stresses how the stigma is alive and well, as well as reminds us that mental health issues don't care who you are, where you live, or your socioeconomic status.

[*Medicare Coverage of Substance Use Disorder Care: A Landscape Review of Benefit Coverage, Service Gaps and a Path to Reform*](#) is a report on *Legal Action Center* by Ellen Weber and Deborah Steinberg that analyzes Medicare's current coverage of substance use disorder benefits, identifies gaps in coverage, and offers initial recommendation to address these barriers to care.



[*Researchers ask: Why does COVID-19 affect people differently?*](#) is a story on *UC Health Today* by Tyler Smith about how blood samples drawn from COVID-19-positive patients are helping University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus researchers' efforts to identify and target the unique biologic factors that drive the disease.

[*How Will Biden's Fix for Child Poverty Affect Kids' Health?*](#) is an article posted on *Tradeoffs* with data about what it means for kids' health to live in poverty and the impact of expanding the child tax credit can have.

[*Mental health of children and young people during pandemic*](#) is an editorial in *The BMJ* by Tamsin Fort and colleagues who talk of how "deterioration is clearest among families already struggling." And how deteriorating mental health is by no means uniform.



[*Medical-Legal Partnerships and Mental Health: Qualitative Evidence that Integrating Legal Services and Health Care Improves Family Well-Being*](#) is an essay from a few years ago by Dayna Bowen Matthew published in the *Houston Journal of Health Law and Policy* that contributes results of interviews conducted among families who received medical legal help as an intervention in Colorado.



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