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[Innovation, art, and mental health](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who shares some highlights from South by Southwest, an annual convergence of technology, music, film, and interactive media in Austin, TX.

[Forbes Ranks the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus among America's Best Employers](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Julia Milzer about how the campus has been listed as one of the best larger employers in 2024.

[CU Nursing Fort Lewis College Collaborative to Break Ground on \\$2.9 Million State-of-the-Art Nursing Training Facility](#) is an announcement on the *CU Anschutz College of Nursing* website about a building project that will bring technologically advanced clinical training to campus. The program will provide a four-year nursing undergraduate degree combining the strengths of the state's flagship medical institute of higher education and Ft. Lewis's expertise in rural and Indigenous education.

[ColoradoSPH & CPHA's 2024 National Public Health Week Open House!](#) is an announcement about a gathering at the Stanley Marketplace April 4, 5:30-7:30PM MT to celebrate all that our public health workforce does. Complimentary food and beverages will be served.



[This Free Program Matches Older Adults with Various Experts to Help them Age in Place](#) is a story on *The Colorado Trust's Collective Colorado* publication by Moe Clark about a national program brought to Colorado by the Colorado Visiting Nurse Association in 2017 in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver. This initiative couples eligible older adults with a nurse, an occupational therapist, and a construction expert to help find ways to improve

quality of life and promote independence.

[Spring COVID-19 booster shots. Should you get one? And what's the best timing?](#) is a post on *UCHealth Today* by Katie Kerwin McCrimmon about how the CDC is recommending a dose of the 2023-24 COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 65 years and older and for those who are immunocompromised at least four months after their last booster.

[Asking MultiCrit Questions: A Reflexive and Critical Framework to Promote Health Data Equity for the Multiracial Population](#) is an article on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Tracy Lam-Hine and colleagues that introduces a question-based framework designed to improve the visibility of people who do not fit neatly into categories used to measure race.

[Colorado's public health department wants to help you with your taxes. Seriously.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about the Get Ahead Colorado program that intends to improve community health by putting more money back into families' pockets given that economic well-being is a driver of health.



[Vertical Integration and the Transformation of American Medicine](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Dhruv Khullar and colleagues about the trend of hospital acquisition of physician practices in the United States.

[Doctors and Guns – ITT Episode 27](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* that involves interviews with parents who have lost children to gun accidents and physicians working for gun safety who discuss the number one killer of U.S. children and what doctors can do about it.

[Feds approve more than \\$10 million in projects for Aurora and overlapping counties](#) is a story in *Sentinel Colorado* by Max Levy about how President Biden signed off on funding destined for community projects in and around Aurora, including support for local social services, health care, law enforcement and infrastructure. Funding for the expansion of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus's Rural e-consult program into more health care facilities is included, allowing medical providers to consult online with specialists and helping patients access care faster.

[Colorado leads on medical debt protections, even as health care costs remain "out of control"](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Sara Wilson about policies

adopted by the state to help consumers, keeping medical debt off credit reports and limiting interest rates; and how some lawmakers want to do more.

[Colorado kids are losing health coverage at an alarming rate, and we must do more to keep them insured](#) is an opinion piece by Hunter Nelson, senior policy analyst at the Colorado Children's Campaign, which calls out how state leaders must show greater urgency in protecting children from being needlessly dropped from Medicaid coverage.

[Keeping It Political and Powerful: Defining the Structural Determinants of Health](#) is an article on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Jonathan C. Heller and colleagues that proposes a refined development of structural determinants of health, arguing that a clear and common definition is essential for informing research and constructing measurements to track change and advance health equity.



[Considerations for Statewide Advanced Primary Care Programs](#) is a Milbank report by Howard Haft and Craig Jones in which insights are shared from their experience working with CMMI on innovative state-led primary care programs in Vermont and Maryland, presenting lessons and approaches to invest new primary care dollars that assist other states working with Medicare and Medicaid to move toward increasing their own investments in advanced primary care.

[Early childhood health interventions have 'big, multi-generation impacts,' research finds](#) is a story in the *Colorado Arts and Sciences Magazine* by Daniel Long about findings that suggest "it doesn't take much to give impoverished people a better start to life." Much of Tania Barham's work, the lead investigator, draws upon data from Bangladesh.



[Using Racial Justice Principles in Medical-Legal Partnership Design and Implementation](#) is an article on *Cambridge Core* by Alice Setrini, which suggests that MLPs must intentionally incorporate seven core racial justice principles into their design and implementation to be able to address racial health disparities by improving the conditions that constitute the social determinants of health.

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