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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[The dream of reason](#) is this week's message from Ben Miller of a frank conversation on power in health care.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Denver Public Schools cancels all classes Friday so that students, staff can focus on their mental health](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Olivia Prentzel about how students, parents, teachers, and the community are reeling following recent gun violence at Denver East High School; and how all are demanding more safety practices. [More feedback from the East High community.](#)

[The Aftermath of a Pandemic Requires as Much Focus as the Start](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Atul Gawande that stresses how the U.S.'s leadership is crucial in rallying the world to invest in recovery.

[APHA-supported campaign offers resources on COVID-19 education](#) is a post on *Public Health Newswire* by Mary Stortstrom that provides links to new resources from APHA.

[Don't Underestimate the Dangers of Loneliness](#) is a post by Katie Couric on *Katie Couric Media* about how loneliness wreaks havoc on everything from heart health to how we experience social interactions.



POLICY EFFORTS

[A resource bank for gun violence will soon be available in Colorado](#) is an *NBC 11 News* story about a public health approach (Injury Violence and Prevention Center) being developed by the state and University of Colorado researchers... an effort to which the Farley Center is contributing.

[Health insurers balk at price demands in Colorado governor's signature health insurance program](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how new rate filings raise the question of whether insurers will be able to offer better benefits at lower prices and who is to blame if they can't.

[Halfway through Colorado's 2023 legislative session, the vast majority of approved bills are bipartisan. But there's a lot of lawmaking to go.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Sandra Fish about a daily analysis of bills by the paper that is being introduced at the Capitol this year.

[What the next push on mental health parity might look like](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Rachel Roubein and McKenzie Beard about the ongoing effort of senators and advocates to plug gaps in the nation's mental health parity laws.

[The Surgeon General's New Mission: Adolescent Mental Health](#) is an interview between Dr. Vivek Murthy and *The Times* in which the Surgeon General ascribed the mental health challenges among young people in part to "hustle culture" values.

State lawmakers began hearings last week on legislation that would protect health care providers delivering reproductive health care and gender-affirming care services in compliance with Colorado law. [SB 23-188](#) would protect medical care providers and patients from interference in receiving care that is legal in Colorado.



[The Milbank Medicaid Transformation Network: Collaborating to Improve Primary Care](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Lisa Dulsky Watkins about the Milbank Medicaid Transformation Network, a new collaborative of state Medicaid agency leaders and partners to help advance primary care transformation.

[A Lot of Thought, Little Action: Proposals About Mental Health Go Unheeded](#) is a post on *Kaiser Health News* by Sam Ogozalek about the struggles with the criminalization of mental illness, a lack of coordination among providers, and insufficient access to treatment.



[Accountable Health Communities Model](#) is a post on *Innovations CMS.org* about a model that addresses a critical gap between clinical care and community services in the current health care delivery system.

[Expanding and Scaling Efforts to Identify and Address Health-Related Social Needs: Lessons from the AHC Model](#) provides key strategies for scaling up health-related social needs screening, referral, and navigation.



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