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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[State of the Union, Revisited](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he discusses the [fact sheet](#) released by the White House earlier the day of the address that outlines a strategy for how Biden's administration plans to tackle the growing mental health crisis.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[New chief of mental health at Children's Hospital Colorado says care crisis is dire](#) is an NPR story in which Dr. Ron-Li Liaw discusses her role and the state of youth mental health in Colorado.



## POLICY EFFORTS

[Details of Biden's Mental Health Plan Released](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Health News* site that provides a summary of some of the media around President Biden's mental health plan.

[Biden administration kicks off nationwide tour addressing mental health challenges from COVID pandemic](#) is a story on *USA Today* by Adrianna Rodriguez who reports that the tour aims to provide an opportunity to hear directly from Americans about the behavioral health challenges they're facing and engage with local leaders to strengthen services.

[Solving Rural U.S. Health Care Challenges with Frugal Innovation: Low-Costs, High Returns](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Dr. Lauren Hughes of the Farley Center and colleagues in which the authors describe challenges in care provision in rural health, investigate examples of frugal innovations in lower- and middle-income countries that could work in the current rural American context, and explore opportunities to encourage the adoption of these innovations.

[Colorado is partnering with Medicare to pay doctors based on whether they can keep patients healthy. But will it work?](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Meg Wingenter that discusses a federal plan that is being rolled out in four states, and if successful, could become a national model. She interviewed several people for the story including Dr. Stephanie Gold of the Farley Health Policy Center.

[Playing politics with Tennessee's addiction crisis hurts our communities](#) is an opinion piece in the *Tennessean* by Ben Miller who suggests we need to expand our definition of "health care," not reduce it, and recognize that addiction care is health care.

[The Philly region has few beds for behavioral health patients – and intense demand](#) is a story in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* by Aubrey Whelan that emphasizes how a lack of beds and the constant need for more inpatient care are directly connected to our lack of a community-based mental health system and investment in that system.

[Finally, an American President Gets Serious about Mental Health](#) is an essay on *MindSite News* by Ben Miller and Bill Smith who tout the good news about an American president proposing reforms that truly address the situation we're in now, and that offer solutions for how to move forward.



[Primary Care Burnout: The \\$260 Million Problem](#) is a story on *Medscape* by Sharon Donovan who writes about a study led by the AMA based on a pre-pandemic estimate of annual turnover of 11,339 primary care providers. Dr. Sinsky, the study lead, was quoted as saying, "Turnover of primary care physicians is costly to public and private payers, yet there is an opportunity to decrease unnecessary healthcare expenditures by reducing burnout-related turnover."

['Firearm Life Plan' developed in Colorado provides resources for families, gun owners](#) is a story posted on the KRDO site by Mallory Anderson who reports on the Firearm Life Plan developed by Colorado researchers that is a free, anonymous resource created to give families and gun owners a way to create a plan for what should happen when someone develops impairments that make him/her less safe at handling firearms, or ultimately at their death.

[Where Does Comprehensive Primary Care Plus \(CPC+\) Lead Primary Care?](#)

[Lessons Learned in Ohio and Northern Kentucky](#) is a report on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Anna Adams and colleagues who found that the success of multipayer primary care transformation initiatives such as CPC+ requires standardized claims data, measurements, and goals.

[Mental Health and COVID-19: Early evidence of the pandemic's impact: Scientific brief, 2 March 2022](#) is a brief posted on the *World Health Organization* site that is based on evidence from research commissioned by WHO, including an umbrella review of systematic reviews and meta-analyses and an update to a living systematic review.

[Social Isolation and Loneliness Linked to Heart Disease](#) is a post on *WebMD* by Rosalind Stefanac that provides data from a new U.S. study, which suggests that social isolation and loneliness are linked to a greater risk of heart disease, stroke, and death from heart disease among postmenopausal women.

[Mental Health and Substance Use State Fact Sheets](#) is a summary with accompanying fact sheets that examines national and state-level data on mental health and substance use both before and during the coronavirus pandemic.



[Electronic Exchange of Data and "Closing the Loop"](#) is a case study posted on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* site by Mallory Curran that provides a concrete example of how a medical-legal partnership in Iowa set up electronic referrals in the EHR with the ability to "close the loop" via electronic updates from the legal partner.



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