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[Enter the matrix](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how AI represents a cautionary tale of opportunity and danger for mental health.

[30 Healthcare IT Influencers Worth a Follow in 2023](#) is a post on *Health Tech Magazine* by Jordan Scott and Teta Alim about how these influencers and health IT leaders are change-makers, paving the way toward health equity and transforming healthcare's approach to data. They offer insights into today's healthcare technology trends.

['I can't believe it': Parents put up billboard to celebrate son's graduation](#) is a story by Waverle Monroe for *KETV 7* about how parents of a medical school graduate in Omaha felt his achievement was definitely worth bragging about and felt the billboard would provide others with an example that might motivate them to get choose health care.

['Fly to Heal' Mural Takes Off to Amplify the Voices of Children in Migration](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Matthew Hastings about how the first exterior mural (artist: Julio Mendoza) at CU Anschutz brings a vibrant start to a year for the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, part of a larger set of programming.

[Past the Pandemic: Individual Wellbeing, Connection and Support](#) is an upcoming six-week ECHO virtual session, Thursdays 5:30-6:30PM MT, June 8-July 13. These sessions will provide an updated curriculum to capture current stressors in health care aimed at increasing health care worker retention and resiliency.

[Unexpected Insights: A Conversation Series with Jewish Women in Medicine](#) this will be a rare personal conversation with Lilly Marks, a child of Holocaust survivors, about resilience and reflections June 6<sup>th</sup>, 12-1PM MT.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Colorado doctor discusses health care biases, alarming maternal mortality rate in Black women: “It’s acknowledging that they exist”](#) is a *CBS News* story by Mekialaya White who interviewed Dr. Gabrielle Whitemore, UHealth OB-Gyn specialist, about how data continues to show that maternal mortality is affecting women in the United States at an alarming rate, particularly Black women; and that health inequities, mistreatment, and underlying chronic conditions all contribute to the problem.

[Colorado kids, teens who visit emergency rooms in mental health crisis can now get free therapy](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about the Follow-Up Project that has suicide hotline staff call people who’ve been discharged from a hospital and is now offering free therapy through the nonprofit Second Wind Fund.

[Reimagining Prevention in a Post-COVID-19 World](#) is an opinion piece in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Sandro Galea in which he reflects on the primary causes of failing to prevent viral spread, illness, and death; including inequitable social and economic structures, a baseline of poor health prior to the pandemic, and systemic disinvestment in public health. He makes suggestions for reimagining prevention.

[Measuring Trust in Primary Care](#) is a review in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Zachary Merenstein, Jill Shuemaker and Bob Phillips that searched the literature for any existing measures of patient trust in primary care clinicians and assessed their potential to be implemented as a patient-reported outcome measure.

[The COVID-19 Pandemic & More: Pandemic or endemic? And the ColoradoSPH graduates its 15<sup>th</sup> class](#) is this week’s commentary from the Colorado School of Public Health dean, Jon Samet.

[The Thin Pane](#) is a perspective piece from Dr. Mark Earnest, head of the Division of General Internal Medicine in the CU Department of Medicine, published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* about how the values of an aging couple were clear about testing and intervention to maintain their independence, but it just took time for a doctor to accept them.



## POLICY EFFORTS

[Opinion: Rep. Amabile: 4 things the Behavioral Health Administration can do to improve Colorado’s mental health](#) is an opinion piece from State Rep. Judy Amabile posted in *The Colorado Sun* in which she writes that two years have passed with meager progress, but a leadership change is reason to hope that proactive care can be provided people in need.

[Public Health's Role in a Post-Dobbs World – The New York City Abortion Access Hub](#) is a perspective piece by Drs. Tara B. Stein and Ashwin Vasani in *The New England Journal of Medicine* about how public health leaders have implemented the Abortion Access Hub to enable access to safe abortion care, focusing on people who face constraints in their home jurisdiction.

[People experiencing homelessness can now receive mental health services at emergency shelters in New Jersey](#) is a *WHYY* story by Tennyson Donyéa about a policy that aims to make mental health services accessible to people who otherwise may not have the means to seek treatment on their own.



[Firearms Availability among High-School Age Youth with Recent Depression or Suicidality](#) is an article in *Pediatrics* by Dr. Maya Haasz and colleagues who set out to estimate prevalence of firearm possession and access among high school-aged teens with recent depression and/or lifetime history of suicidality.

[Health Care Utilization Among Young Adults with Health First Colorado Insurance Coverage after Foster Care Emancipation](#) is a report by Farley Center team members in partnership with the Colorado Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing and Human Services that provides an analysis of young adult enrollment in Health First Colorado and their utilization of fee-for-service and capitated behavioral health care services.



[Medicaid Townhall: Redeterminations, Work Requirements, & Coverage for Undocumented Persons](#) is a virtual townhall hosted by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership June 6<sup>th</sup>, noon to 1:30PM MT. Speakers will discuss three significant Medicaid policy issues affecting disadvantaged communities served by safety-net health care, social services, and civil legal aid providers.

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