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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[American Board of Medical Specialties Announces New Standards for Continuing Certification](#) announces that newly approved standards for continuing certification serve as a framework for member boards' programs and represent foundational changes that bring increased value to both diplomates and the public.

[A Celebration of Community Health](#) is an announcement about an outdoor music/yoga/Zumba event November 7<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-1PM at the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance studio, 119 Park Avenue West.

[Out to sea](#) is the title of Ben Miller's newsletter this week in which he discusses the similarities between America's shipping crisis and our mental health system.

[Team Telemed](#) is a website with resources for those interested in team-based, integrated primary care via telemedicine.

[Dr. Aaron T. Beck, Developer of Cognitive Therapy, Dies at 100](#) is a tribute to the life of Dr. Beck in *The New York Times* by Benedict Carey.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: Are crisis standards of care coming?](#) is this week's commentary from Dean Jon Samet who writes how the course of the pandemic over the next few weeks will be critical in determining if crisis standards of care are needed in Colorado.

[As New Vaccine Rollout for Youth Launches, CU Anschutz Parent Experts Share Views](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Debra Melani in which scientists compare COVID-19 risks for 5- to 11-year-olds with vaccine safety to help address concerns.

[Missy Franklin Shares Mental Health Struggles at Johnson Depression Center Luncheon](#) is a post on the *CU School of Medicine* website by Greg Glasgow that reports on the Olympian's journey after being diagnosed with anxiety, depression, and an eating disorder.

[How Cross-Sector Partnerships Can Develop Solutions for Aging Americans](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* website by Marcella Maguire who writes about how work done the past 30 years produced learnings for cross-sector partnerships that can help low-income, older Americans age in place.

[6 tips to help you pick the right health insurance plan](#) is an NPR story by Selena Simmons-Duffin who writes about how the Biden administration is helping people find good health plans on HealthCare.gov, providing a longer registration period, free help choosing a plan, with a greater likelihood folks will be eligible for subsidies to help keep costs down.

[Axios AM Deep Dive: Our mental health crisis](#) this deep dive led by health care reporter Caitlin Owens looks at how the pandemic made an already inequitable mental health care system in short supply, worse.



[State Health Policy Decisions: What Does Federalism Have to Do with It?](#) is a blog post by Rachel Block on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* website in which she provides historical context for two policy issues that have recently been advanced by federal actions... 1) home and community-based services and 2) mental health parity... illustrating the strengths and challenges associated with federal-state health policy.

[Colorado hospitals can turn away patients as state grapples with COVID-19 surge](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Paulina Firozi who writes how right now there are two Colorados... if you're a patient needing care or if you're a clinician, things are bad, but if you're a regular citizen just walking around on the street, you wouldn't know it. [Colorado has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest COVID rate.](#)

[Surge in Colorado COVID cases could force hospitals to ration services](#) is a story in *The Guardian* by Eric Berger who writes about a serious upward trend in Colorado due in part to nearly 40% of the state population not being vaccinated and people again gathering indoors without masks.

[How will Colorado vaccinate thousands of children ages 5 to 11? With the help of pediatric offices, schools and maybe even zoos](#) is a CPR story by John Daley who reports that Colorado's goal is to vaccinate nearly half a million children by January 31, 2022.

[Texans have poor access to mental health professionals, but there is a path forward](#) is an opinion piece in *The Dallas Morning News* by Andy Keller and Bill Smith who write about the white paper co-authored by Senators John Cornyn and Michael Bennet that calls for a complete overhaul of America's treatment of mental health.

[Harris County officials unveil new three-year \\$8.93 M community-initiated mental health care initiative](#) is a story in the *Community Impact Newspaper* by Hannah Zedaker about a new initiative to address a countywide mental health crisis that county officials said has only been further exacerbated by the ongoing coronavirus.

[California Law Aims to Strengthen Access to Mental Health Services](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Health News* site by Bernard J. Wolfson who writes about a law signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, which requires that mental health and substance abuse patients be offered return appointments no more than 10 days after a previous session, unless their provider approves less frequent visits.



[Applying a Subpopulation Lens to Population Health](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Elena Fuentes-Afflick, which suggests that a subpopulation focus, coupled with tailored programs and policies, will avoid the pitfalls of a one-size-fits-all approach to population health.

[Collective Action and the Social Determinants of Health](#) is an opinion piece on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Hahrie Han that discusses how persistent disparities in pandemic outcomes have brought to light our collective failure to address our most basic responsibility: caring for each other.

[COVID Monoclonal Antibody Therapy: Everything You Need to Know](#) is a story in *Huff Post* by Monica Torres who discusses the lifesaving medicine that millions are eligible for, but few know they qualify.

[Strategies to Repair a Broken System: Mental Health Care](#) is a post on the University of Pennsylvania website giving access to a virtual conference that explores latest research and innovations with 10 of the field's top minds, including Dr. Ben Miller.

[Overall suicide rates fell during COVID-19 but increased among young and people of color, study finds](#) is a story in *USA Today* by Adrianna Rodriguez who reports on a recent CDC study.

[Mental Health and Our Changing Climate: Impacts, Inequities, Responses](#) is a new report from the American Psychological Association, Climate for Health and ecoAmerica that provides the latest information on the multiple effects of climate change on mental health, the structural inequities that lead to some

populations bearing great impacts, and how people think about and respond to climate change.

[Ending the Reproducibility Crisis](#) is a story in *Issues* by Shannon Brownlee and Bibiana Bielekova that explores the idea of an AI-powered tool that could change the incentives to benefit scientists, taxpayers, and patients.

[Opening Up about My Struggle with Recurring Depression](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Nora Super, a health care leader, who shares her story of living with major depression, and who calls for better treatments.

[Navigating Uncharted Waters: The Pandemic, Health, Coverage, and Care in Colorado](#) is a report that provides the findings from the Colorado Health Access survey, a testament to what Coloradans have endured...and the work they did to keep a bad situation from becoming even worse.



[Congress Should Act to Fund Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is a blog post on *Bill of Health* by Emily Rock and James Bhandary-Alexander who write about a recent bill that allocated funding to the development of MLPs in recognition of the important role MLPs can play in the lives of older Americans.



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