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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[U of Colorado School of Medicine taps Dr. Jay Lemery as first-of-its-kind endowed climate medicine chair](#) is a post on *Becker Hospital Review* by Cailey Gleeson about this inaugural chair, the first position of its kind in the nation.

[Reforming our mental health crisis system](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who addresses how we're doing with 988 one-month in.

[Newcomer Health: Refugee, Migrant and Migrant Communities Face Multiple Systems Barriers that Negatively Affect Health](#) is one of a new ECHO series designed to increase medical providers' knowledge of the resettlement and health issues of newcomers, including refugee, immigrant, and migrant populations. These sessions take place on the last Tuesday of the month beginning October 25th at 7AM MT.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Buckle up: Flu could be early and nasty this year](#) is a story in the *Coloradan* by Pat Ferrier who interviewed Dr. Michelle Barron, UCHHealth's senior medical director for infection prevention and control, about how the flu season started a month early in the Southern Hemisphere and peaked months ahead of what is typically seen.

[Opinion: Don't overlook parents in the early-education equation](#) is a commentary in *The Colorado Sun* by Sen. Rhonda Fields and Constance Gully who write how parents are the first and most important teachers, but they are exhausted and need support.

[The COVID-19 Pandemic & More: The opportune time to build resiliency](#) is this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, dean of the Colorado School of Public Health, about how a lull between COVID hospitalizations and the arrival of epidemic influenza, is the perfect time to prepare for the next rise in the COVID-19 epidemic curve.

[The Benefits of Hiking, According to Experts](#) is a story on *Nike.com* about the potential health benefits of hiking offered by health professionals, who offer tips on how to gear up for a long hike.

[New 988 mental health crisis line sees jump in calls and texts during first month](#) is an NPR story by Rhitu Chatterjee who reports how the new 'lifeline' is already reaching more Americans in distress and connecting them to help faster.



[Colorado mental health workers demand equal pay. But a new state report says their rates are “adequate.”](#) is a story covered by Jennifer Brown for *The Colorado Sun* about a report ordered by the legislature to examine Medicaid reimbursement rates for mental health providers that has further annoyed therapists in private practice.

[Denver to give direct payments to most vulnerable homeless groups in test of universal basic income](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Joe Rubino about how the city is dedicating \$2 million in federal COVID aid to a pilot program that will pay people \$12,000 over 12 months.

[Pediatric Mental Health Crisis: Propelling the Surgeon General’s Advice to Action](#) is an editorial by Drs. Matthew Tolliver and Cody A. Hostutler who share recommendations to propel the Surgeon General’s advice into action. They emphasize structural changes needed in the health care system and highlight practical and actionable steps individual providers can take to increase cross-sector collaboration.

[Minneapolis’ mental health responders provide alternative to police](#) is a post on *Axios* by Nick Halter about how unarmed mental health professionals responded to more than 3,300 911 calls in Minneapolis over the first six months of a pilot program meant to reduce the need for police or ambulances for people experiencing mental health crises.

[Family Tragedies Inspire Legislators to Form Caucus and Work to ‘Fix Broken Mental Health System’](#) is a story on *Mind Site News* by Josh McGhee and Rob Waters about a coalition that is working to increase access to mental health care across the country by influencing policy at both the state and federal levels.

[Expanded Safety Net Drives Sharp Drop in Child Poverty](#) is a story in the *New York Times* by Jason DeParle who writes about how child poverty fell by 59%

from 1933 to 2019, according to a comprehensive new analysis that shows the critical role of increased government aid.



[Morehouse School of Medicine points to cost of mental health inequities](#) is a post in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* by Donovan J. Thomas about a study that seeks to bring awareness to the effects of mental health disparities on underserved communities. This study was conducted in partnership with the Satcher Health Leadership Institute of Morehouse, [the Eugene S. Farley, Jr. Health Policy Center](#), and the Robert Graham Center.

[Inequities in behavioral health: What do we really know?](#) is an article in the *American Psychiatric Association* journal by Dr. Shale Wong, director of the Farley Health Policy Center, who recommends “we cannot let what we do not know prevent us from advocating for adequate resource allocation and prioritizing community driven solutions for populations with the greatest needs.”

[Did marijuana legalization lead to increased use in Colorado? A new study has a novel answer.](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about a study that looked at data on twins to answer a longstanding question about the impact of legalizing adult use of marijuana in state law.

[Denver’s program to house the homeless reduced hospital and jail visits. But not deaths.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about a study that found that people who were provided housing through Denver’s social impact bond program died at the same rate as those living on the streets.

[Patient satisfaction surveys fail to track how well hospitals treat people of color](#) is an NPR story by Rae Ellen Bichell about how crucial questions are absent from hospital satisfaction surveys that would elucidate whether patients experienced discrimination during their treatment/stay, a common complaint of diverse patient populations.

[Health Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022: Opportunities to Maximize the Impact](#) is an opinion piece by Kate McEvoy posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site about how the Inflation Reduction Act is “not a moonshot,” but it still offers opportunities for a meaningful launch of underutilized Medicare benefits and exchange-based health insurance coverage.

[Clinical, operational, and financial evaluation practices in integrated behavioral health care](#) is an article in the *American Psychological Association* journal by Amelia R. Muse and colleagues about analyses they did to summarize and evaluate findings on the above practices.

[Study finds 35% of American families who work full time don’t earn enough to cover basic needs](#) is a post on *3 News Now* by Sarah Dewberry about new work by researchers at Brandeis University who found that more than half of full-time working Black and Hispanic families cannot afford basic needs.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Understanding the Current Social Needs of Health Center Patients](#) is a webinar sponsored by the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership September 20th, 11-12:30 MT by experts on the current and emerging social needs of low-income and underserved populations.

[Health Center MLP Environmental Scan Kickoff](#) is a webinar September 29th 11-12 MT about an environmental scan of health center designed to establish, expand, and sustain the accessibility and availability of MLPs to meet the evolving social needs of patient populations.



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