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*Dear Friday's Features subscribers,*

*After an incredible 50-year career, Linda Niebauer, editor of Friday's Features, is set to commence her well-earned retirement. We are so proud of all the work Linda has done, not least of which was developing Friday's Features and this incredible community of engaged readers who care about health policy and the work of the Farley Health Policy Center.*

*At the same time, due to technical changes in the University of Colorado's mass e-mailing practices, we will be sending this newsletter using a new format starting October. You should expect it to come from a different e-mail address, [Alison Reidmohr](#), with a new look on a monthly cadence. We welcome your thoughts on what you'd like to see from the Farley Health Policy Center's newsletter going forward and how we can best serve your needs as a reader. Please reach out to me with any questions or thoughts.*

*Alison Reidmohr*

*It's been a privilege to work with you all these many years. I will miss our collaborations and partnerships but trust you all will continue to do the good work.*

*Linda Niebauer*

[The Farley Health Policy Center will host its inaugural lectureship](#) October 10, 12-1PM MT. Colorado Attorney General, Phil Weiser, will be the guest speaker for a hybrid event. He will address the Supreme Court's impact on health and medicine.

Congratulations to Farley Center team member, Dr. Allison Costello, who was recognized as a Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship Teacher of the Year, as nominated by students.

[Community Academy](#) sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement's Resident Leadership Council is an event September 28, 8-11:45AM at Paris Elementary School in Aurora to promote the well-being and prosperity of its community members. Interpretation, breakfast and childcare will be provided.

[Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health Open House](#) October 2, 11AM to 1PM MT at the Nighthorse Campbell Health Building on the Anschutz Medical Campus...meet the team, learn about their work, enjoy the artwork and artifacts in the building and enter a drawing to win prizes from American Indian artists. Also on property will be a local Indian taco truck and storyteller.

[Denver's new "social justice art" is a 5-foot canvas boulder created by people who have lived on the streets](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about the project led by artist Emma Balder intended to give voice to people who don't feel seen, which will go on display in the spring. The artists are residents of St. Francis Apartments in Denver's Capitol Hill neighborhood, home to about 50 people who were previously homeless.

[Anti-Science, Antisemitism, and Public Health](#) is the title of a conversation with Dr. Peter Hotez September 30, 12-1PM MT via Zoom during which he aims to explore the critical intersection between intolerance and anti-science. This program is part of the Dr. Helen Morris American Jewish Experience in Medicine series.

The Introduction and Scale Up of the World's First Malaria Vaccines is the title of the 13<sup>th</sup> Jules Amer Lectureship at Pediatric Grand Rounds presented by Dr. Mary Hamel, CDC medical epidemiologist, October 4, 12:30-1:30PM MT. A hybrid event, the in person event is being held at Children's Hospital Colorado, Mt Oxford, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. To attend via Zoom, [click here](#).

[The magic bullet](#) is this week's letter from Ben Miller about "how they are out there, but don't hold your breath finding one."



[Medical Students Practice Ethical Leadership Skills](#) is a post on *Bioethics Buzz* about the Advanced Ethics in Leadership program for fourth year students at the University of Colorado School of Medicine led by Dr. Matt Wynia, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, during which students had the opportunity to practice ethical decision-making and turn awareness into action when ethical problems arise.

[Why do obesity drugs seem to treat so many other ailments?](#) is an article in *Nature* by Mariana Lenharo about how scientists are studying the mechanisms behind the broad clinical potential of weight-loss drugs from alcoholism to Parkinson's.

[In Colorado, telehealth for maternal medicine improves quality, patient experience](#) is a story on *Healthcare IT News* by Bill Siwicki about how a maternal fetal medicine physician at Children's Hospital Colorado shares a virtual care success story, with telemedicine delivering critical care for high-risk

pregnancies across a vast region of the state and beyond.



[What the 2024 Election Could Mean for Health Coverage, Affordability, and the Budget](#) is a 45-minute discussion October 1 moderated by Larry Levitt, Kaiser Family Foundation’s executive vice president for health policy, with two veteran health policy advisors to explore the election’s potential impact on health coverage and spending, including the ACA, Medicaid, prescription drugs, and more.

[Why Colorado lawmakers fear “an implosion” of the health safety net](#) is a post on *The Colorado Sun* by Brian Eason and Jesse Paul about how the worst could be ahead for Colorado’s troubled Medicaid program given this week’s report that the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing overspent last year’s budget by as much as \$154 million.

[Allergy pen maker sues Colorado over state affordability program](#) is a *CPR* story by John Daley about how Amneal Pharmaceuticals brought a lawsuit in federal court to stop a law approved in 2023, which the company said “makes it provide generic allergy pens to pharmacies for free.”

[The Role of Physicians on Ethics Committees after Dobbs](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Drs. Howard Minkoff and Mary Faith Marshall in which the authors maintain that the goals of an ethics committee are to protect patients’ rights, provide staff with moral support, and minimize the risk of legal liability. Determination of the legality of a necessary procedure lies outside the bounds of these goals, and committees that take on such a task contribute to the erosion of patient autonomy. They raise the question if physicians are being tasked with participating on such committees, what are their options.

[Republicans and Democrats Just Came Together to Protect America’s Kids](#) is an opinion piece on the *Newsweek* website by Mary Graw Leary, Warren Binford, and John Yoo, law professors, about a bill, the Kids Online Safety Act, that requires internet companies to keep children’s safety in mind when designing the online platforms they use – something required of every other industry.



[A Mixed-Methods Exploration of the Implementation of Policies that Earmarked Taxes for Behavioral Health](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Nicole A. Stadnick and colleagues about a study that aimed to characterize perceptions of the impacts of implemented tax policies, strengths and weaknesses of tax policy designs, and factors that influence decision making as to how tax revenue is allocated for services.

[Odyssey of HOMER: A Publication](#) is a report about the journey to provide better medication-assisted treatment for opioid published in the *Annals of Family Medicine* by Linda Zittleman and colleagues associated with the CU Department of Family Medicine.



[When Democracy is Healthy, People are Healthy](#) is a website that supports public health and civic participation, and addresses how voting helps people secure a seat at the table and feel more included within their communities. To join a webinar October 23 at 11AM MT about the necessity of civic engagement, [click here](#).

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