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[Pilot Program Embeds Health Professionals in State Government](#) is a story on *Healthcare Innovation* by David Rath about the National Academy of Medicine pilot program in which three health professionals will spend a year in state legislative and executive branch offices in Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The Farley Center is the Colorado partnering organization, and Dr. Brandi Freeman, CU associate professor of pediatrics and Farley Center affiliate member, is one of three inaugural fellows.

[Milbank Quarterly Digest](#) is a new monthly newsletter designed to provide updates on the journal's latest articles and opinions, and will replace the quarterly issue email. This issue includes an opinion piece by Sandro Galea that addresses the influence of political action on health.

[Rethinking relationships](#) is this week's letter from Ben Miller about the power we do and don't give to these dynamic associations.



["Do You Feel Safe at Home?"](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Lara K. Rotter who writes what happened when she convinced herself to set aside her intuitions to retain a patient's trust because that person took offense at her questions about possible intimate partner violence.

[Rethinking Grief, Loss and Healing Beyond the Five Stages](#) is a podcast on *Health Science Radio* covered by Matthew Hastings that focuses on taking an individual, deeper approach to this normal part of the human experience.

[Moral Injury and the Global Health Workforce Crisis – Insights from an](#)

[International Partnership](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Wendy Dean and colleagues about the importance of understanding the common drivers of moral injury in various types of health systems is vital for identifying effective solutions to ensure a thriving workforce and optimized patient care.

[For Some Medical Students, the Most Important Textbook May Be their Community](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Jonathan Staloff and colleagues about the book, *Progress Notes: One Year in the Future of Medicine* by Dr. Abraham M. Nussbaum in which the author shares personal stories of students participating in a longitudinal integrated clerkship (LIC), a medical school educational reform that aims to train physicians to see patients as fellow community members, at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

[What wild lands can do for environmental health & mental health](#) is a 15-minute podcast with Michael Booth and Parker Yamasaki on *Daily Sun Up* in which they talk about open space from the farthest corner of Colorado to the doorstep of the Front Range, and what wild lands can do for environmental health or just mental health.



[Confronting the Bully: New North Carolina Medicaid Program Gets Hospitals to Forgive and Prevent Medical Debt](#) is a blog post by Christopher F. Koller for the *Milbank Memorial Fund* website about how in 2023 the North Carolina legislature and the governor came to a historic agreement to expand Medicaid eligibility. And now creative policymaking and a collaborative partnership with the federal government will free existing victims of medical debt and reduce the likelihood of future ones.

[Impact of Colorado's Red Flag Laws on Communities and Law Enforcement](#) is a post on the *Colorado School of Public Health* website by Noelle Musgrave about how researchers at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus examine firearm relinquishment practices, criminal justice outcomes, and law enforcement perspectives.

[The Supreme Court's Shadowy Treatment of Public Health](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Sommer H. Engles, JD and colleagues that discusses the potential implications of recent Supreme Court decisions for health law and policy.

[Charting a New History: A Moderate Republican Calls for Change](#) is a blog post by Charlie Conrad, former Representative of Oregon, on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* website. Milbank is "committed to the leadership development,

nonpartisanship, and the depolarization efforts needed to bring all parties to the table to think critically and debate with civility as we collectively move toward better health and health care systems for the all the populations we serve.” In so doing, they are inviting health policy leaders like Charlie Conrad to share their perspectives on depolarization in their words.



[Psychedelics: New paradigm in mental health care?](#) is a post on *ColoradoBiz* by Eric Peterson about how decriminalization sets the stage for new treatment options and enterprises.

[CDPHE and ECHO Colorado Partner in Response to Rise in Syphilis in Colorado](#) is a story on the *ECHO Colorado* website about new data from the CDC that identified Colorado as one of five states with a maternal syphilis rate that rose more than 400% from 2016 to 2022, as well as CDPHE strategies to intervene on this transmission crisis.



[Introduction to Performance Measurement & Evaluation for Health Center Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is a recorded webinar that includes an introduction to new performance measures and resources specifically designed for community health centers to strengthen the sustainability and impact of MLPs, positioning the approach as a key strategy for healthcare delivery system transformation and population health improvement.

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