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[Colorado has a new poet laureate: Boulder's Andrea Gibson](#) is a *CPR News* story by Paolo Zialcita about Gibson's newest accolade, a Boulder poet who writes about love, mental health, and social justice.

[Leveraging local for change](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who writes about how cities offer a platform for mental health reform.



[Pepper Pong – pickleball and pingpong's baby – is a new game helping people get sober](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tracy Ross about a game created by Tom Filippini to help folks who are trying to stop drinking, focus on something else.

[Return to school can trigger anxiety and depression](#) is a *Fox 21* story by Scott Kilbury about how returning to school can be stressful and challenging for both students and parents and includes tips from Dr. Benjamin Mullin, Children's Hospital Colorado psychologist, for consideration.

[Colorado doctors predict earlier flu season, recommend getting vaccine as soon as possible](#) is a story for *11 News* by Kasia Kerridge about UCHHealth predictions for the upcoming flu season based on trends in the Southern Hemisphere.

['We know that vaccines work': UCHHealth expert warns of multiple viruses circulating in colder months](#) is a story in the *Greeley Tribune* by Morgan McKenzie about how Dr Michelle Barrons, senior medical director of infection prevention and control at UCHHealth, advises people to get their shots and vaccines before multiple viruses are expected to spread at their highest levels in the fall.

[The shrinking number of primary-care physicians is reaching a tipping point](#) is an opinion piece in *The Washington Post* by Elisabeth Rosenthal, senior contributing editor at KFF Health News, who has received an escalating stream of panicked emails from people unable to access primary care in a timely fashion for one reason or another...including physicians abandoning traditional practice, those remaining working fewer hours, and fewer students are choosing primary care. Failing to address this shortage will result in falling even further among the ranks relative to health outcomes.



[As Abortion Laws Drive Obstetricians from Red States, Maternity Care Suffers](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Sheryl Gay Stolberg of how the author interviewed obstetricians about abortion laws and visited a medical clinic in McCall, ID, and learned that some doctors who handle high-risk pregnancies are fleeing restrictive abortion laws...Idaho has been particularly hard hit.

[Your Patient Leaves You Money in Their Will: Can You Accept It?](#) is a post in *Medscape* by Batya Swift Yasgur about the legality vs. ethics related to accepting monetary gifts from a patient. Dr. Mike Victoroff, who is a family physician, a past member of the AAFP ethics committee, and bioethics professor in the MBA program at the University of Denver, weighs in on this topic.

[The Smallest Losers](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund blog* by Dr. Morgan McDonald, a pediatrician, who addresses how racial representation in the health care workplace is both woefully inadequate and increasingly under attack, which comes at a cost to the lives of the most vulnerable babies in our communities.

[Affirmative Action, Population Health, and the Importance of Opportunity and Hope](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Atheendar S. Venkataramani who suggests that affirmative action is one potent example that illustrates how these long-standing challenges are intimately connected: opportunity shapes health and well-being. Understanding and intervening in this fundamental relationship will be critical for addressing population health challenges moving forward.



[‘BEAT Meth’ Provides Hope for Patients with Methamphetamine Use Disorder](#) is a story on the *Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences*

Institute website by Wendy Meyer about an intervention, Beginning Early and Assertive Treatment for Methamphetamine Use Disorder (BEAT Meth), developed and implemented by a partnership among Denver Health clinicians, and researchers at the Colorado Clinical Translational Sciences Institute and the Colorado School of Public Health with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The hope is to expand the use of suboxone treatment for individuals with a meth use disorder.



[Impacts of a medical-legal partnership on clinical capacity to address social determinants of health](#) is a post on *Siren Network* by K. Davis and colleagues about a study that aimed to examine the impact of an MLP on the clinical capacity to assist providers with addressing SDOH needs and reducing clinician stress.

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