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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[*Alice Rivlin: A career spent making better public policy*](#) is a podcast from March by Alice Rivlin and Fred Dews posted on the *Brookings* site that will give you an idea of how one-of-a-kind Alice was in the policy world and how significant her leadership was. She passed away this week.

[*How two NBA players, Larry Sanders and Royce White, are bringing awareness to mental health in sports*](#) is a story by Dr. Shamard Charles for *CBS News* about how the culture of sports contributes to the mental health stigma that exists today. One in five American adults experience a mental health issue each year, mental illness does not discriminate...which means that athletes are equally susceptible.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*These Psychiatrists Bring Mental Health Care to Those Who Need It the Most*](#) is a posting on the UCSF website by Nina Bai who reports on an Oakland program that disperses a street health team to provide public psychiatry care for the homeless.

[*Mental Health Is on the Agenda at the L.A. Chef Conference*](#) an article in *Food and Wine*, by Andy Wang about how this gathering of the culinary A-list will feature an honest panel discussion about mental health, wellness, and maintaining balance in the restaurant industry.

[*In the emergency department, someone who's 'been there'*](#) is a posting on the *Well Being Trust* site about how a partnership between Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian's emergency department and the NAMI Orange County aims to improve emergency care for mental health patients.

[*Suicide prevention starts with a conversation*](#) is a story by Joel English for *KATU News* that features a video produced by classmates and staff at a Newberg, Oregon high school about suicide in honor of a classmate who killed himself last year. Their aim: to get people talking about suicide, which leads to those in pain getting help.

[*Integrating Community Health Workers into Health Care Teams without Coopting Them*](#) is a posting on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Cheryl Garfield and Shreya Kangovi who discuss the challenge of integrating a grassroots workforce into health care without coopting it, and offer guidance for health care leaders based on their experience with developing the IMPaCT CHW model; which has served 10,000 patients in greater Philadelphia.



[*Trump Administration 'Censorship' Erasing Affordable Care Act from Federal Websites*](#) is a *Huffington Post* story by Jeffrey Young about a new report that details an ongoing campaign to remove references to and information about the 2010 health care law from official web pages.

[*How Medicaid Agencies Tackle the Social Determinants of Health*](#) is a story on *Patient Engagement* by Sara Heath about how state Medicaid programs are showing interest in addressing social determinants of health, but concerns about sustainable funding and community health partnerships loom large.

[*Problem Solvers Guide: The top 4 new mental health laws in Colorado*](#) is a story by Joe St. George for Fox 31 reports that more than 40 new mental health laws will soon take effect in Colorado but highlights the four he considers most impactful.

[*Farm Bill Pilot Program to Address Farmer Mental Health*](#) is an *MPR* story by Kayla Desroches who discusses mental health challenges for today's farmers, in particular, in Montana. Some help may be on the horizon under the Farm Bill for which Congress recently earmarked \$2 million for a grant-based pilot program designed to wrap a community of support around the farmers, providing them with better access to resources.

[*Washington to offer first 'public option' insurance in US*](#) is an *AP News* story by Tom James about how Washington is set to become the first state to enter the private health insurance market with a universally available public option.

[*In St. Cloud, a new approach to dealing with mental health crises – in jail and out*](#) is an *MPR News* story by Kirsti Marohn about a new program designed to help people with mental health issues who frequently land in jail or hospital emergency rooms. After a little more than a year, it is already showing promise in reducing costly jail and ER visits, and in helping people in central Minnesota who are dealing with repeated mental illness or addiction crises.

[*Trump Administration Floating Changes to Poverty Measure that Would Reduce or Eliminate Assistance to Millions of Lower-Income Americans*](#) is a

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities statement reported by Sharon Parrott. The reductions in assistance that this proposal would produce stand in stark contrast to the Administration's 2017 tax law, which conferred large new benefits on the highest-income households.

[*By law, mental health benefits are supposed to be as good as medical coverage. In practice, that's not happening*](#) is an article in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown that discusses an effort in Colorado to enforce the nation's mental parity laws, where insurance companies pay mental health doctors 30% less than they pay other medical professionals.



[*A New Comprehensive Measure of High-Value Aspects of Primary Care*](#) is an article in *Annals of Family Medicine* by Rebecca Etz and colleagues about a new measure they developed that represents high-value primary care by patients, clinicians and payers. This tool is ready for further validation and outcome analyses.

[*Necessary but Not Sufficient: Why Health Care Alone Cannot Improve Population Health and Reduce Health Inequities*](#) is an article in *Annals of Family Medicine* by Dr. Steven H. Woolf who talks about what shapes health... the major influences of which lie outside the clinic. He makes a plea for society to quickly shift its focus from health care to root causes.

[*Evaluation of Value-Based Insurance Design for Primary Care*](#) is an article in *American Journal of Managed Care* by Dr. Qinli Ma and colleagues who evaluated the impact of value-based insurance design, which removed patient cost sharing for primary care visits on healthcare spending in a large, geographically diverse employer. They found it did not negatively affect total cost of care.

[*An Effective Way to Tackle the Social Causes of Poor Health*](#) is a *Harvard Business Review* story by Shreya Kangovi about how a team from the University of Pennsylvania has spent the last decade developing IMPaCT, a standardized community health worker program that effectively addresses social determinants of health. Outcomes translate into two dollars in return for every dollar invested annually in the program.

[*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Cost-of-Care Conversations*](#) is an article about cost-of-care conversations in an *Annals of Internal Medicine supplement* by Drs. Caroline E. Sloan and Peter A. Ubel about how providers need to talk to their patients about out-of-pocket costs given today's financial burdens and the impact they have on people's medical care.

[*Societal Costs of Untreated Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders in the United States*](#) is an issue brief in *Mathematica* by Dara Lee Luca and colleagues that describes findings from a new mathematical model, which quantifies the societal costs of untreated perinatal mood and anxiety disorders

from conception to age 5.

[*Contributions of Health Care to Longevity: A Review of 4 Estimation Methods*](#) is an article in the *Annals of Family Medicine* by Drs. Robert Kaplan and Arnold Milstein who report their findings using four different methods of estimating the effect of health care on health outcomes.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[*Textbook: Essentials of Health Justice*](#) is a primer by Elizabeth Tobin Tyler and Joel Teitelbaum that examines the legal, structural and justice issues underlying health disparities and other types of health inequities.

[*Brief: How health and legal orgs can share information within privacy framework*](#) is an issue brief by Jane Hyatt Thorpe and colleagues that discusses numerous opportunities to share information within the boundaries of that legal framework, and describes different consent models that are possible.

[*Whole Person. Whole Team. Whole Communities.*](#) is a summit hosted by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership September 19-20, 2019 in National Harbor, MD.



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