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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Remembering Dr. Steve Berman](#) is a tribute to him from his friends and colleagues in the Colorado School of Public Health.

[Pueblo senior fast tracked to prestigious medical program](#) is a story on KOAA by Brie Groves about how Ian Espinoza, a high-achieving scholar at Sough High School, is one of only 10 Colorado seniors to be accepted into the BA/BS-MD degree program at the UCD/AMC that aims to better serve the healthcare needs of the state.

[Mental health workforce 2.0](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he talks about disruption and change and an attempt to codify change through policy.

[Casa Bonita now hiring for 550-plus jobs, including cliff divers](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Tiney Ricciardi about the comeback of the iconic Lakewood Mexican restaurant originally opened in 1974 and closed at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was known for its cliff divers and sopapillas. Trey Parker and Matt Stone, South Park creators, purchased Casa Bonita and will be reopening this spring. Not known for the quality of its food (ambiance was the draw), Parker and Stone have hired James Beard Award-nominated Chef, Dana Richards, as their new head chef in their attempt to bring back the restaurant, only better.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Don't Leave Me! Strategies for Medical Staff Retention](#) is an article published in

the *American Family Physician* by Dr. Corey Lyon and colleagues from the CU Department of Family Medicine that contains strategies for recruiting and retaining staff to help medical practices survive the “Great Resignation.”

[Latino Teens Are Deputized as Health Educators To Sway the Unvaccinated](#) is a story on *Kaiser Health News* by Heidi de Marco that provides a great example of what youth interns can achieve related to health equity in our communities.

[Colorado middle and high schoolers could begin receiving annual mental health checks](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Elliott Wenzler that reports how students identified as needing additional resources would be referred to state-run program offering free therapy sessions resulting from this new program.

[A Simple Solution: Tackling Loneliness One Conversation at a Time](#) is a blog post on the *Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness* site by Ben Miller who reflects on ways to help create a more socially connected society.

[How to fix the mental health workforce? WA has an underutilized resource: peer counselors](#) is a story in the *Seattle Times* by Michelle Baruchman about the value of diversifying our workforce through peer support specialists and a great example from Washington state.

[Helping patients with opioid addiction move from inpatient beds to recovery](#) is a story on *UCHealth Today* by Todd Neff about a program (ARTS, Addiction Research and Treatment Services – a collaboration between UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital and the CU School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry) in which inpatients with substance use disorders are enrolled if they elect to do so, educated about a path forward that includes an effective dose of methadone (MAT) and being treated as human beings.



[Colorado bill banning so-called assault weapons would outlaw sale – not possession – of such guns](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul and Elliott Wenzler about how Rep. Andrew Boesenecker, a Ft. Collins Democrat who is the lead sponsor of the forthcoming measure, indicated that criminal and civil penalties under the measure would be reserved for individuals, businesses and manufacturers that sell or try to sell so-called assault weapons.

[Two Colorado health care giants are forming one big insurance network. But will consumers actually benefit?](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how UCHealth and Intermountain Healthcare are creating a “clinically integrated network” that gives patients whose insurance contracts with it access to their physicians, clinics, and hospitals.

[Nicolais: Colorado Public Option puts its stake in the ground](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Mario Nicolais about how with 35,000 new registrants, the

controversial government-guided health insurance plan marks a ground [shift in the health care industry](#).

[Regulating Reproductive Medicine in a World without Roe](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Kimberly Mutcherson, JD, about how the consequences of Dobbs extend far beyond abortion care, as sites gear up to expand protections for “potential life” without the limits imposed by Roe and Casey.

[Why standards matter](#) is a post on *Civic Health Partners* by Tara Montgomery, founder and principal of Civic Health Partners and volunteer member of the board of directors of the American Board of Medical Specialties. The piece highlights how as medicine becomes politicized, trust in our physicians matters more than ever. High professional standards help them earn it.

[6.8 million expected to lose Medicaid when paperwork hurdles return](#) is an NPR story by Alan Yu Why about how the end of “continuous enrollment” ends March 31, 2023 which means that millions of Americans could lose their Medicaid coverage.



[Mental health tops parental concerns about children, survey](#) is a post on *The Hill* by Alejandro O’Connell-Domenech about a new Pew Research Center survey of more than 3,700 parents with children under the age of 18 to learn about parenting in the United States today.

[Scaling up community-delivered mental health support and care: A landscape analysis](#) is an evaluation in *Frontiers Public Health* by Saher Siddiqui and colleagues that aims to identify barriers and facilitators of scale-up providing, a potentially promising collection of approaches.

[The effects of behavioral health integration in Medicaid managed care on access to mental health and primary care services – Evidence from early adopters](#) is an article in *Health Services Research* by Dr. K. John McConnell and colleagues about research that aimed to evaluate the impacts of a transition to an “integrated managed care” model, wherein Medicaid managed care organizations moved from a “carve-out” model to a “carve-in” model integrating the financing of behavioral and physical health care.

[Juvenile violent crime is rising in Colorado, making up 41% of youth corrections admissions](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how researchers are looking into the link between violent crime and teenagers spending more time virtually connected but physically alone.

[How the way we talk and listen to each other can prevent discrimination](#) is a Rocky Mountain PBS perspective piece by Carey Candrian, associate professor in internal medicine at the CU School of Medicine. She talks about her research on how health care can be compromised when open discussions with patients about what and who matters most to them is avoided.

[Improving Health Care Trust Research and Policies](#) is a post in *The Milbank Quarterly* that reports on a new study involving a review of 725 health services and health policy articles on trust from the past 50 years to examine how trust is defined and measured.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Medical-Legal Partnerships: Equity, Evaluation and Evolution](#) is a conference March 2 and 3, 2023 sponsored by Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School, the Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance, and Penn State Dickinson Law that will include a series of panels and workshops to discuss the most important MLP topics. Keynote speakers March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dayna Bowen Matthew, Dean and Harold H. Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School and Philip Alberti, founding director, AAMC Center for Health Justice.



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