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# FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[\*CU School of Medicine partners with CSU to open medical school branch\*](#) is a story in *CU Anschutz Today* about the University of Colorado School of Medicine's plan to establish a medical school branch in Ft. Collins in partnership with Colorado State University to create a training program that builds on the strengths of both institutions.

[\*Cochrane U.S. Network Opens Affiliate at CU Anschutz\*](#) is a story in *CU Anschutz Today* about how the CU Anschutz Medical Campus will join 70 other groups around the world to promote evidence-informed decision making in health care. Dr. Robert Dellavalle, dermatology professor, will lead this affiliate.

[\*D-Day group from Denver pays tribute to Ike, a war hero with Colorado ties\*](#) is a story by Jeremy Hubbard for Fox 31 who marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day in Normandy with The Greatest Generations Foundation, a charity founded in Denver that returns war heroes to the places they once served. While in England they visited Southwick House where President Eisenhower finalized the plans for D-Day. He goes on to tell the story of Eisenhower's tie to Denver, and specifically Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, where the CU Anschutz Medical Campus now stands.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[\*Here's why community involvement helps you live a healthier, happier life\*](#) is a post on the *San Francisco Gate Blog* by StoryStudio about how the connectedness among neighbors influences health positively.

[\*San Francisco proposes nation's first universal mental health care system\*](#) is a story in *USA Today* by Jared Weber about a proposal that would include free treatment at a 24/7 treatment center for any city resident in need of help.

[\*Redlining and Mental Health: Connecting the Dots Across Poverty, Place, and Exclusion\*](#) is a story in the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's daily digest by Laura Choi who discusses how poverty, particularly the repeated experience of social exclusion and vulnerability that too often accompanies intergenerational poverty, can have serious implications for people's mental, emotional, and behavioral health.

[\*Menino Survey of Mayors, 2018 Results\*](#) is a report created by Boston University to reveal the challenges, perceptions, and relationships of mayors across the country as we seek to build vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive communities. This year's survey covers what is known to be pressing issues for their cities: the rising costs of housing, the health challenges facing their residents, and the complex dynamics of economic growth and job creation.

[\*Keeping Kids Healthy and Sane in a Digital World\*](#) is a story in *Kaiser Health News* by Bernard J. Wolfson who reiterates expert advice that the key is helping kids use technology as a tool, not a toy; and spells out other healthy recommendations.



[\*Rep. Jason Crow tabs 'mental health crisis' as a top concern\*](#) is a story in *CU Anschutz Today* about how Congressman Crow toured the Anschutz campus to learn about mental health initiatives, research, and innovations underway here. Rep. Crow indicated that Colorado's mental health crisis, particularly among adolescents, is one of the "top three issues" voiced by constituents.

Washington State enacted [\*SB 5526\*](#), referred to as Cascade Care, into law. The bill requires the state health care authority to contract with one or more carriers to provide standardized plans to Washington residents beginning 2021.

[\*Colorado Has a Plan for Lowering Costs, Delivering High-Quality Affordable Coverage\*](#) is a post on the *United States of Care* blog about how states continue to lead the way in advancing innovative new approaches to affordable health care coverage. Colorado is one of the latest examples where the governor signed [\*HB19-1004\*](#), a bipartisan bill to develop a competitive state insurance option.

[\*How Summit County residents, fed up with high health care prices, banded together and negotiated a better deal\*](#) is a story in the *Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how the Peak Health Alliance was able to get its local hospital to lower prices by 20%. Colorado officials hope it can become a model for communities across the state.

[Rebuilding Paradise: Finding health care after total destruction](#) is a story in *Politico* by Victoria Colliver about how disaster has provided a chance to rethink a more ideal health care system based on need.

[Who Uses My Health Data?](#) is a post on the Golnvo website about how patient data travels through the hands of many for the profit of others. Patient consent is the missing thread.

[Landmark ruling sets precedent for parity coverage of mental health and addiction treatment](#) is an opinion piece on *Stat News* by Patrick Kennedy and Jim Ramstad who report on a recent federal court ruling in Northern California that found United Behavioral Health (manages BH services for UnitedHealthcare and other health insurers) liable for protecting its bottom line at the expense of its members.



[Analysis: Why Alexa's Bedside Manner is Bad for Health Care](#) is a *Kaiser Health News* story by Elisabeth Rosenthal about Amazon's new venture...that of transmitting patient data via Alexa. The question...will virtual medicine prove a valuable, convenient adjunct to health care; or, instead will it be a way for the U.S. profit-driven health care system to make big bucks by outsourcing core duties while providing a paler version of actual medical treatment?

[Does Your Education Level Affect Your Health?](#) is story in *The New York Times* by Austin Frakt about some studies that have teased out causal effects by taking advantage of natural experiments.

[Therapy in the office: banks take mental health fight in-house](#) is a Reuters story by Sinead Cruise who discusses findings from a 2018 survey (Mental Health at Work) that included more than 4,600 British employees from a range of industries. Two of three people working in financial services have experienced mental health issues as a result of work or where work was a related factor.

[Expanding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage](#) is an issue brief on the *Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation* site by Usha Ranji and colleagues about Medicaid's eligibility for pregnancy and postpartum care describing gaps in coverage particular for low-income women who live in states that have not expended Medicaid under the ACA, and highlights several state and federal efforts to extend postpartum coverage to more women for a longer period of time.

[Deriving a practical framework for the evaluation of health apps](#) is an article in *The Lancet Digital Health* by Philip Henson and colleagues who report on an FDA pilot among nine companies of a novel certification programme, Pre-Cert, that shifts the scrutiny from the apps themselves to the developers. The UK

National Health Service has released second version of its App Library as another solution.

[\*A New Tool to Improve Community Health\*](#) is a story in *U.S. News* by Gaby Galvin about what may be one of the largest population health collaborations in the United States...*100 Million Healthier Lives...* launched a new framework (The Well-Being in the Nation Measurement Framework, a “living library”) this week to help entities across sectors and at all levels – including local communities, non-profit organizations, health care systems and the federal government – coordinate their efforts, with the ultimate goals of using the shared data to work in sync to improve health across the United States.



[\*Whole Person. Whole Team. Whole Communities.\*](#) This is a 2-day summit hosted by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership September 19 and 20 in National Harbor, MD. The aim is to explore the ways in which laws and policies affect the physical, emotional and mental health of individuals, hasten health care crises among the most vulnerable, and preserve health inequities that keep whole communities from thriving.

[\*Toolkit: VA Medical-Legal Partnership Readiness Guide\*](#) is a post on the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership website by Jennifer Trott and colleagues who developed the tool that provides a step-by-step approach to starting and sustaining an MLP, and concludes with lessons learned about building and operating successful partnerships from existing VAMC-based MLPs.

[\*Medical-legal partnership origin story: People’s Community Clinic in Austin\*](#) is a story by Kate Marple that traces the Austin team’s planning process, how the nuts and bolts of the partnership came together, and how it expanded over time.

[\*Metrowest Legal Services\*](#) is an MLP in Framingham, MA, incorporated in 1976. Read about its mission/history and more here.



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