

eHealth Commission March 2023 News Highlights

Health IT-

- **(Colorado-Mentioned Blog) Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), Telehealth and Licensure Policies Improving Healthcare Access for Rural Communities (1/26/23)**- *This blog highlights promising telehealth and licensure policies that improve rural communities' access to healthcare.* [Retrieved* from: https://www.astho.org/communications/blog/telehealth-licensure-policies-improving-access-for-rural-communities/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=asthophw&utm_content=HPU&utm_term=RuralTelehealthAccess]
- **(From the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology or ONC) Health ITbuzz:**
 - **Flipping the Script: Leveraging EHR Data to Inform Clinical Burden Reduction Approaches (2/6/23)**- *This blog and its content have received attention from various publications concerned with health IT, namely electronic health records' (EHR) promise to reduce medical professional stress and burnout. It includes reference and access to a study published in the American Journal of Managed Care, among other helpful websites.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/health-data/flipping-the-script-leveraging-ehr-data-to-inform-clinical-burden-reduction-approaches>]
 - **It's Time for the 2023 Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) Comment Period (2/21/23)**- *The blog discusses the 2023 SVAP and its comment period through May 22, 2023, including links to relevant materials and comment page.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/standards/its-time-for-the-2023-standards-version-advancement-process-svap-comment-period>]
 - **New CMS Rules Advancing Interoperability (2/27/23)**- *This blog briefly discusses the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) proposed rule, Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Process, and its relevance to the work of ONC. The comment period for CMS' proposed rule runs through March 13, 2023.* [Retrieved at: <https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/health-it-policy/new-cms-rules-advancing-interoperability>]
- **(Survey Report) Pew Research Center, 60% of Americans Would Be Uncomfortable With Provider Relying on AI in Their Own Health Care (2/22/23)**- *This report discusses results from a survey of Americans regarding the use of AI in healthcare.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.pewresearch.org/science/2023/02/22/60-of-americans-would-be-uncomfortable-with-provider-relying-on-ai-in-their-own-health-care/>]
- **(Federal Resource) CMS, Telehealth (2/2023)**- *CMS released this updated website dubbed the "new virtual home" for telehealth content.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.medicare.gov/medicaid/benefits/telehealth/index.html>]

Broadband-

- **(Colorado-Mentioned Jurisdictional Framework) America's Communications Association (ACA), BEAD Program: A Framework to Allocate Funding for Broadband Availability- Version 2.0 (2/2/23)**- *This framework includes estimates of unserved and underserved locations, the amount of BEAD funding to be allocated to each jurisdiction, and fixed broadband deployment scenarios using a proprietary model. The framework is intended to give all states, including Colorado, and territories help in developing plans to award funds.* [Retrieved from: <https://acaconnects.org/bead-program-framework/>]
- **(Policymaker Framework) Quello Center, Digital Opportunities Compass: Metrics to Monitor, Evaluate, and Guide Broadband and Digital Equity Policy Version 1 (2/24/23)**- *As taken from the executive summary, the framework presented by Quello Center and partners aspires to engage policymakers and others in the development of a comprehensive set of metrics to measure interventions to advance digital opportunities, supporting digital equity.* [Retrieved from: https://quello.msu.edu/broadband/do_compass-pdf/?utm_campaign=Newsletters&utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email]

* All sites retrieved 3/1/23.

Medicaid/CMS-

- **(CMS Policy) CMS fact sheet, CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the Transition Forward from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (2/27/23)**- *The fact sheet discusses healthcare impacts expected from the end of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11, 2023.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/what-do-i-need-know-cms-waivers-flexibilities-and-transition-forward-covid-19-public-health.pdf>]
- **(CMS Proposal) The New England Journal of Medicine, Aligning Quality Measures across CMS-The Universal Foundation (2/1/23)**- *CMS leadership presents its proposal to move towards a “universal foundation” of quality measures that will apply to as many CMS quality-rating and value-based care programs as possible.* [Retrieved from: https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2215539?utm_campaign=LPCA%20Alliances&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=245049698&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--iTiG5icOPVol4Kn7RWwbeovb2OKxT4Q0xHPx7JHlraqotubcNC3KtknOuek7afSC9DBYXk9hFFCpV01DcGteZpV8q05d8Um981-2uz5juGgYd3pY&utm_content=245049698&utm_source=hs_email]

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and Health Equity-

- **(Federally Issued Toolkit) ONC Health ITbuzz, New Releases: SDOH Toolkit and Learning Forum Sessions for the Health IT Community (2/22/23)**- *This blog introduces the toolkit and learning forum.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/public-health/new-releases-sdoh-toolkit-and-learning-forum-sessions-for-the-health-it-community>]
- **(Federal Data Collection) Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), Proposed Changes to Federal Standards for Collecting and Reporting Race/Ethnicity Data: What Are They and Why do they Matter? (1/31/23)**- *This KFF policy watch discusses the recent proposal from the Office of Management and Budget to update minimum standards for data on race and ethnicity in federal reporting.* [Retrieved from: https://www.kff.org/policy-watch/proposed-changes-to-federal-standards-for-collecting-and-reporting-race-ethnicity-data-what-are-they-and-why-do-they-matter/?utm_campaign=KFF-2023-Racial-Equity-Health-Policy&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=243992255&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--oCs1bIOWqU_UQHTbeybGnRBI1c0tR9xn6nPfjN68bU2q60wXKYPvgc-wt0pXR4s0lvS3bba7ycqwSQYTJ2y1_PCMMvY1pUewBbnZwOUO2qHz2vLw&utm_content=243992255&utm_source=hs_email]
- **(Report with Featured States) Center for Health Care Strategies, Financing Approaches to Address Social Determinants of Health via Medicaid Managed Care: A 12-State Review (2/2023)**- *This report discusses how 12 states are financing managed care organizations’ health-related social needs activities and using more recent CMS flexibilities.* [Retrieved from: https://www.chcs.org/resource/financing-approaches-to-address-social-determinants-of-health-via-medicaid-managed-care-a-twelve-state-review/?utm_source=CHCS+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=8f85e12fc8-Targeted+promo+-+HealthBegins+HRSN+-+2%2F17%2F23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-368f33f285-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D]
- **(Presidential Executive Order) White House, FACT SHEET: President Biden signs Executive Order to Strengthen Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Across the Federal Government (2/16/23)**- *The fact sheet outlines key provisions of the latest presidential executive order pertaining to improved equity.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/16/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-executive-order-to-strengthen-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-across-the-federal-government/>]
- **(Public Comment) Published in the Federal Register: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Request for Information on Promising Practices for Advancing Health Equity for Intersex Individuals (2/10/23)**- *Through this notice, HHS seeks broad input on the development of a report on promising practices for advancing health equity for intersex individuals. Public comments are due by March 13, 2023.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-02-10/pdf/2023-02826.pdf>]
- **(Issue Brief) The Commonwealth Fund, U.S. and Global Approaches to Financing Long-Term Care: Understanding the Patchwork (2/16/23)**- *This issue brief highlights financing approaches used by other developed countries and select states in effort to reduce burdens upon U.S. families and income- and race inequities.* [Retrieved from: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2023/feb/us-global-financing-long-term-care-patchwork?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Improving+Health+Care+Quality]
- **(Promising Practice) The Commonwealth Fund, Restoring Trust in Public Health: Lessons from Three Local Health Coalitions (2/14/23)**- *The piece features three health coalitions’ efforts to address the root causes of disparities as seen by community residents.* [Retrieved from: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/2023/feb/restoring-trust-public-health?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Improving+Health+Care+Quality]