

## eHealth Commission November 2022 News Highlights

### Health IT/Broadband-

- **(Policy/Practice Considerations) Healthcare IT Today, Not all QHINs Will Be Created Equal (10/18/22)**- *This article provides an overview and key considerations for organizations seeking designation as Qualified Health Information networks (QHINs).* [Retrieved<sup>1\*</sup> at: <https://www.healthcareitoday.com/2022/10/18/not-all-qhins-will-be-created-equal/>]
- **(National Policy) Tradeoffs, The Next Chapter in Democratizing America's Health Data (10/6/22)**- *The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has highlighted this podcast, which discusses the federal rule regarding information blocking with Micky Tripathi.* [Retrieved at: <https://tradeoffs.org/2022/10/06/tripathi-health-data-information-blocking/>]
- **(Highlight of States) The Daily Yonder, Breaking Point: Specialists, Broadband and the Fight for Health Equity in Rural American (10/17/22)**- *This article describes health equity challenges facing rural populations and highlights three states' efforts to address those challenges.* [Retrieved at: <https://dailyyonder.com/breaking-point-specialists-broadband-and-the-fight-for-health-equity-in-rural-america/2022/10/17/>]
- **(Policy Recommendations) Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), The Future of Telehealth After COVID-19 (10/11/22)**- *In this BPC report, telehealth research and Medicare data analysis are used to inform findings and recommendations regarding telehealth policy after the public health emergency.* [Retrieved at: [https://bipartisanpolicy.org/report/future-of-telehealth/?\\_cldee=ldhzEQfYtxNusO4eX9rotyUP-tmmcKEtBu0kb2K-A7hoXSODBnZJTUwMkY1aFbHZxK3eMWntEIGx0FhsYOMiigg&recipientid=contact-402deea7eaaceb118236000d3a197c05-9d7016e6a3584e6abd1bc1e83569fea4&esid=86217c41-354b-ed11-bba1-000d3a1f6eac](https://bipartisanpolicy.org/report/future-of-telehealth/?_cldee=ldhzEQfYtxNusO4eX9rotyUP-tmmcKEtBu0kb2K-A7hoXSODBnZJTUwMkY1aFbHZxK3eMWntEIGx0FhsYOMiigg&recipientid=contact-402deea7eaaceb118236000d3a197c05-9d7016e6a3584e6abd1bc1e83569fea4&esid=86217c41-354b-ed11-bba1-000d3a1f6eac)]
- **(Colorado-Specific Article) Government Technology, Colorado Launches Strategic Plan for Digital Government (10/10/22)**- *This article reviews the Colorado Digital Government Strategic Plan, including a hyperlink to the plan.* [Retrieved at: [https://www.govtech.com/gov-experience/colorado-launches-strategic-plan-for-digital-government?utm\\_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GT%20-%20GovTech%20Today&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=229146474&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-940L3C-c-54ewKFNx9s8uSR\\_Gx8X8sIL5wzObRm8osuqzSzc24n9MKC25FR4yh9U8iBq7Jo1a4Lg4Z4rNszaqCGDR5MmAVf7RLWnd5p26IOzwrFMJdDqgh\\_aQXdB9rmbu\\_vGC&utm\\_content=229146474&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.govtech.com/gov-experience/colorado-launches-strategic-plan-for-digital-government?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GT%20-%20GovTech%20Today&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=229146474&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-940L3C-c-54ewKFNx9s8uSR_Gx8X8sIL5wzObRm8osuqzSzc24n9MKC25FR4yh9U8iBq7Jo1a4Lg4Z4rNszaqCGDR5MmAVf7RLWnd5p26IOzwrFMJdDqgh_aQXdB9rmbu_vGC&utm_content=229146474&utm_source=hs_email)]

### Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and Equity-

- **(National Pilot) ONC HealthITbuzz, Moving Standards to Support SDOH Data Capture from the Sandbox to Production (10/27/22)**- *This blog showcases the launch of the national Gravity Project Pilots Affinity Group, which will use the SDOH Clinical Care FHIR Implementation Guide to develop and adopt SDOH standards. Participants are sought with financial support available.* [Retrieved at: <https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/health-equity/moving-standards-to-support-sdoh-data-capture-from-the-sandbox-to-production/>]
- **(Research Article) Health Affairs, Community-Level Actions On The Social Determinants of Health: A Typology For Hospitals (10/11/22)**- *Within this article, researchers propose a typology or organizing framework to describe hospitals' activities to address SDOH at the community-level, in effort to advance policy, practice, and research.* [Retrieved at: [https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/community-level-actions-social-determinants-health-typology-hospitals?utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=230033927&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9-5ZgarrEvOzRq\\_kPu-aW1aY6zfM3el14aB4YXiuvyk9ekJz39-hKZeBKroF6OwS6K\\_mBLo8uAxEJywaW\\_IRIySC-RiTvl-Wzzx9OCDnETiIAAPiv21fGb7Am\\_LqKzq0u0rImn&utm\\_content=230033927&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/community-level-actions-social-determinants-health-typology-hospitals?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=230033927&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9-5ZgarrEvOzRq_kPu-aW1aY6zfM3el14aB4YXiuvyk9ekJz39-hKZeBKroF6OwS6K_mBLo8uAxEJywaW_IRIySC-RiTvl-Wzzx9OCDnETiIAAPiv21fGb7Am_LqKzq0u0rImn&utm_content=230033927&utm_source=hs_email)]

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<sup>1\*</sup> All sites retrieved 11/2/22.

- **(Dashboard for Localities Nationwide) The Urban Institute (UI), Financial Health and Wealth Dashboard (10/6/22)**- *UI crafted this dashboard to provide a local picture of residents' financial well-being in effort to help policymakers target interventions, including measures to address the racial wealth gap. The dashboard is a potential tool to address SDOH and equity.* [Retrieved at: <https://apps.urban.org/features/financial-health-wealth-dashboard/>]
- **(Policy/Practice Recommendations) The Commonwealth Fund, Engaging Voice to Support Racially Equitable Policymaking (10/4/22)**- *This blog offers recommendations on how to center the voices of racially marginalized people in the policy making process.* [Retrieved at: [https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2022/engaging-voice-support-racially-equitable-policymaking?utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Advancing+Health+Equity](https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2022/engaging-voice-support-racially-equitable-policymaking?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Advancing+Health+Equity)]
- **(Research Article) Healio-Cardiology, Poor food environment, food insecurity linked to higher HF mortality in US (10/25/22)**- *The article ties food environment to heart failure rates.* [Retrieved at: <https://www.healio.com/news/cardiology/20221025/poor-food-environment-food-insecurity-linked-to-higher-hf-mortality-in-us>]

### Medicaid-

- **(Survey of States) Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), States Respond to COVID-19 Challenges but Also Take Advantage of New Opportunities to Address Long-Standing Issues: Results from a 50-State Medicaid Budget Survey from a 50-State Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal years 2021 and 2022 (10/27/22)**- *KFF recently released its survey of the 50 State Medicaid directors, with hyperlinks to an executive summary, report, report tables, and related releases.* [Retrieved at: <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/report/states-respond-to-covid-19-challenges-but-also-take-advantage-of-new-opportunities-to-address-long-standing-issues/>]
- **(State Fact Sheets) KFF, Medicaid State Fact Sheets (10/3/22)**- *KFF released two-page Medicaid fact sheets for the U.S. and each state, including current coverage, access, and spending.* [Retrieved at: [https://www.kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/?utm\\_campaign=KFF-2022-The-Latest&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=228552629&hsenc=p2ANqtz--4ABgqiyulcmmfFl6g-IRC6l8DVETvfHmKXla0BpwPVpQmZR2A9Xd9eKOfaLNA40p-Gs3wyf\\_aoj0W/WLdHCCT8hQE0oewS21f56gEGyzVYYbcVw&utm\\_content=228552629&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/?utm_campaign=KFF-2022-The-Latest&utm_medium=email&hsmi=228552629&hsenc=p2ANqtz--4ABgqiyulcmmfFl6g-IRC6l8DVETvfHmKXla0BpwPVpQmZR2A9Xd9eKOfaLNA40p-Gs3wyf_aoj0W/WLdHCCT8hQE0oewS21f56gEGyzVYYbcVw&utm_content=228552629&utm_source=hs_email)]

### Public Health/Other Health News-

- **(National Policy) HHS press release, HHS Announces Action to Counter Biological Threats, Enhance Pandemic Preparedness, and Achieve Health Security (10/18/22)**- *In this press release, HHS announces actions conforming with the National Security Memorandum 15 effecting the 2022 National Biodefense Strategy and Implementation Plan, with other informational hyperlinks.* [Retrieved at: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/18/hhs-announces-actions-to-counter-biological-threats-enhance-pandemic-preparedness-and-achieve-health-security.html>]
- **(Federal Guidance) The U.S. Surgeon General's Framework for Workplace Mental Health & Well-Being (released 10/20/22)**- *The Surgeon General makes a call and outlines a framework for workplaces to be "engines of mental health and well-being" as the nation gleans lessons learned and recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.* [Retrieved at: [https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/workplace-mental-health-well-being.pdf?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter\\_axiosvitals&stream=top](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/workplace-mental-health-well-being.pdf?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_axiosvitals&stream=top)]
- **(National Standards) National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), National Care Coordination Standards for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN): Proceedings from the National Forum on Care Coordination for CYSHCN (10/21/22)**- *NASHP released a report from its summer forum concerning CYSHCN. From the key themes, considerations, and opportunities, strengthening communication and partnership emerged, including advancing new health technologies.* [Retrieved at: <https://www.nashp.org/proceedings-from-the-national-forum-on-care-coordination-for-cyshcn/#toggle-id-4>]