eHealth Commission April 2022 News Highlights

Health Technology/Broadband-

- **KFF, Telehealth Has Played an Outsized Role Meeting Mental Health Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic (3/15/22)-** *The analysis looks at outpatient visits from March 2019 through August 2021, showing telehealth's continued significant role in providing behavioral services.* [Retrieved* at: https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/telehealth-has-played-an-outsized-role-meeting-mental-health-needs-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/?utm_campaign=KFF-2021-Coronavirus&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=206761907&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9rwaCJvnhgMa_OfzI2BFCJlryRE0rstN0ngXsqD7qPHuMrHBK7lPXNXcbMz8SOvEgWgUZQutCAyeAqEzQlspflEqDuUgbdwz0KfNzvnPN25L6Rtbc&utm_content=206761907&utm_source=hs_email]

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- **Health Data Management, Child Opportunity Index helps hospitals target community programs (3/29/22)-** *The article discusses hospitals' use of the Child Opportunity Index to build better community health needs assessments, design programs, and make investments, with a link to index site.* [Retrieved at: https://www.healthdatamanagement.com/articles/child-opportunity-index-helps-hospitals-target-community-programs?utm_campaign=HDM%20Group%20Newsletters&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=208393357&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--MrKq0NBJ62vUmMRZzVrH9s1vkP8glcroL6w3v3Ik0XlhjMqH_T-Tb-JawXaOe15uMRxIYyXJKIvBCk9-3-q-_UKmFIzT9umtejU6LWpwtz_B0F-MjvS_FbNvSqP8vxM6LgUVX&utm_content=208393357&utm_source=hs_email]

- **Health Data Management, FDA's Digital Health Center of Excellence initiatives & guidance support growth in SaMD, mobile health devices, wearables (3/24/22)-** *This article includes a summary of recent initiatives by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure safety of emerging medical technologies, with helpful links to materials.* [Retrieved at: https://www.healthdatamanagement.com/articles/fdas-digital-health-center-of-excellence-initiatives-guidance-support-growth-in-samd-mobile-health-devices-wearables?utm_campaign=HDM%20Group%20Newsletters&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=207912874&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--ZWXAapn5s6UBzsiP7VtstcysauFVwM-kuthNzQ1TE6WaWMS35AS_RMB2sRcQEPOWooyqV4ol6HWLTatlxQPNAwjtac6-eRr2GcKBJHdcrgYUFwwWxUjTeXlrvE3M3Ya1QWMZq&utm_content=207912874&utm_source=hs_email]

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- **NC Health News, "It's never been done before": How NC plans to use Medicaid dollars to improve social determinants of health (3/9/22)-** *This article highlights North Carolina's pilot reimbursement of social welfare agencies that provide services to Medicaid managed care recipients, addressing food, housing, transportation, and violence issues that impact their health.* [Retrieved at: https://www.northcarolinahealthnews.org/2022/03/09/its-never-been-done-before-how-nc-plans-to-use-medicaid-dollars-to-improve-social-determinants-of-health/]

- **Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker, The burden of medical debt in the United States (3/10/22)-** *The brief analyzes data to understand U.S. medical debt, who owes and how much they owe.* [Retrieved at: https://www.healthsystemtracker.org/brief/the-burden-of-medical-debt-in-the-united-states/?_hsmi=206419781&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8zLYHCXI_CoZBJIvpftFwfX9v53GgkxqnZl4spzLmXWqz4mIUBs9GpbtJwRek6MlVtNLJvpYU4HGqR1PvkouN8toCpXTjEZ4FzTQQtyDDzG0YMN7k&utm_campaign=KFF-2022-Health-Costs&utm_medium=email&utm_content=206419781&utm_source=hs_email]

- **HHS-ODPHP, Newly Released: Health People 2020 Final Review Overview of Health Disparities (3/9/22)-** *The final component to the Healthy People 2020 Final Review suite displays changes overtime in disparities by selected characteristics.* [Retrieved at: https://health.gov/news/202203/newly-released-healthy-people-2020-final-review-overview-health-disparities?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery]

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- **The Urban Institute, Preparing for the Biggest Coverage Event Since the Affordable Care Act: Perspectives from State Health Officials on the End of Medicaid's Continuous Coverage Requirement (3/16/22)-** *The Medicaid continuous coverage requirement ends with the national public health emergency. This report discusses the significant task before state Medicaid agencies and ways to overcome several challenges.* [Retrieved at: https://www.urban.org/research/publication/preparing-biggest-coverage-event-affordable-care-act?&utm_source=urban_newsletters&utm_source=news-HPC&utm_term=HPC]
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