

## eHealth Commission May 2022 News Highlights

### Health Technology/Broadband-

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) press release, HHS' Office of Civil Rights Seeks Public Comment on Recognized Security Practices and Sharing Civil Monetary Penalties and Monetary Settlements Under the HITECH Act (4/6/2022)-** *This press release provides an overview of the Federal Register notice soliciting comments through June 6, 2022, with link to the notice.* [Retrieved\* from: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/04/06/hhs-ocr-seeks-public-comment-on-recognized-security-practices-sharing-civil-money-penalties-monetary-settlements-under-hitech-act.html>]
- **The White House, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Rural Playbook (April 2022)-** *The playbook was designed to assist rural communities in understanding and accessing infrastructure funding provided through the law.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/rural/>]
- **Government Technology, Digital Equity- Government Technology hosts this website that includes articles about broadband and related state news.** [Retrieved from: [https://www.govtech.com/tag/digital-equity?utm\\_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GT%20-%20GovTech%20Today&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=209494205&hsenc=p2ANqtz--XrE2tS3wyBzw522JeEFh4ZnSR5YI4Tzr0ROeZxiMeU0cvP8pn\\_2BpMXIV3NIYquEEsKMHV8QhsI1N4RU1szWCJZBYwcDwMScITvSSMB3ut4Zd1aTDSwPBdBh3Rwe1x4eBSX3&utm\\_content=209494205&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.govtech.com/tag/digital-equity?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GT%20-%20GovTech%20Today&utm_medium=email&hsmi=209494205&hsenc=p2ANqtz--XrE2tS3wyBzw522JeEFh4ZnSR5YI4Tzr0ROeZxiMeU0cvP8pn_2BpMXIV3NIYquEEsKMHV8QhsI1N4RU1szWCJZBYwcDwMScITvSSMB3ut4Zd1aTDSwPBdBh3Rwe1x4eBSX3&utm_content=209494205&utm_source=hs_email)]
- **Health Data Management, ONC to focus on health equity, data sharing, and public health IT (4/20/22)-** *This article outlines focuses of the HHS-Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) presentations and messaging during an annual meeting.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.healthdatamanagement.com/articles/onc-to-focus-on-health-equity-data-sharing-public-health-it?id=129924&utm\\_campaign=HDM%20Group%20Newsletters&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=210520605&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8O\\_obNSaGnMIVcpJ42z1jFftzP9lyKnLddDn-VtDvJV\\_3Vc5qh0knQeo6BS7KKuobaexuwvwyEoeuheyV8vHCnGF0\\_xYhmeO0ybBjixJpZ0zdjLK7j8AssTh7JKcDpqXcyFx7q&utm\\_content=210520605&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.healthdatamanagement.com/articles/onc-to-focus-on-health-equity-data-sharing-public-health-it?id=129924&utm_campaign=HDM%20Group%20Newsletters&utm_medium=email&hsmi=210520605&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8O_obNSaGnMIVcpJ42z1jFftzP9lyKnLddDn-VtDvJV_3Vc5qh0knQeo6BS7KKuobaexuwvwyEoeuheyV8vHCnGF0_xYhmeO0ybBjixJpZ0zdjLK7j8AssTh7JKcDpqXcyFx7q&utm_content=210520605&utm_source=hs_email)]

### Health Equity/Social Determinants of Health-

- **HHS-ONC, Social Determinants of Health Information Exchange Learning Forum-** *The forum's website includes recordings of prior webinars and new webinar offerings monthly through July.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.healthit.gov/news/events/oncs-social-determinants-health-information-exchange-learning-forum>]
- **HHS Equity Action Plan-** *In an April 14, 2022, press release, HHS announced its Equity Action Plan in response to Executive Order 13985. HHS joins 90 other federal agencies by issuing its plan.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-equity-action-plan.pdf>]
- **The Commonwealth Fund, How Discrimination in Health Care Affects Older Americans, and What Health Systems and Providers Can Do (4/21/22)-** *The issue brief analyzes findings from the Commonwealth Fund 2021 International Health Policy Survey of Older Adults, with more intensive look at the United States. The brief includes steps to address discrimination.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2022/apr/how-discrimination-in-health-care-affects-older-americans?utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Advancing+Health+Equity](https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2022/apr/how-discrimination-in-health-care-affects-older-americans?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Advancing+Health+Equity)]
- **3M Clinical and Economic Research, Socioeconomic Status and Health Care Delivery System Performance (November 2021)-** *This report has received recent media attention. The report shows differences in healthcare delivery system performance faced by Medicare beneficiaries in low socioeconomic status areas.* [Retrieved from: <https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/21179130/his-pm-cer-socioeconomic-status-health-care-delivery-system-performance-report-en-us.pdf>]
- **Poor People's Campaign, A Poor People's Pandemic Report (April 2022)-** *The Poor People's Campaign worked with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network to address omissions in collection and dissemination of data on poverty related to COVID-19 outcomes.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/pandemic-report/>]
- **Aging and Disability Business Institute's Evidence Bank-** *As taken from the site, "The Evidence Bank is a collection of research studies on common services provided by CBOs that demonstrate outcomes attractive to a health care partner. This collection is updated on a monthly basis."* [Retrieved from: <https://www.aginganddisabilitybusinessinstitute.org/evidence-bank/>]
- **The Commonwealth Fund, New Policy Opens the Door for States to Address Drivers of Health in Medicaid (4/19/22)-** *This blog discusses CMS' approval of California's Medicaid proposal that uses "in lieu of" services (ILOS) to offer a menu of health-related services through managed care.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2022/new-policy-opens-door-states-address-drivers-health-medicaid?utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Advancing+Health+Equity](https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2022/new-policy-opens-door-states-address-drivers-health-medicaid?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Advancing+Health+Equity)]

### Mental Health-

- **Brookings, Tackling unfinished business and taking on current challenges: Putting Biden's mental health proposal in context (4/4/22)-** *This blog discusses the federal administration's proposal to address mental health.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.brookings.edu/blog/usc-brookings-schaeffer-on-health-policy/2022/04/04/tackling-unfinished-business-and-taking-on-current-challenges-putting-bidens-mental-health-proposals-in-context/?utm\\_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=209129135&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.brookings.edu/blog/usc-brookings-schaeffer-on-health-policy/2022/04/04/tackling-unfinished-business-and-taking-on-current-challenges-putting-bidens-mental-health-proposals-in-context/?utm_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm_medium=email&utm_content=209129135&utm_source=hs_email)]