

eHealth Commission August 2022 News Highlights

Health IT-

- **(National Policy) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) press release, HHS and DOJ Issue Guidance on Nondiscrimination in Telehealth the week of 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (7/29/22)**- HHS and the Department of Justice published guidance concerning telehealth accessibility for people with disabilities and limited English proficiency. The press release includes a link to the guidance. [Retrieved at: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/07/29/hhs-and-doj-issue-guidance-on-nondiscrimination-in-telehealth-the-week-of-the-32nd-anniversary-of-the-americans-with-disabilities-act-ada.html>]
- **(National Policy) ONC, United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) Version 3 (July 2022)**- The U.S. Core Data for Interoperability is a standardized set of health data classes and constituent data elements for nationwide, interoperable health information exchange. It is expected to change overtime. With the publication of version 3, the USCDI has expanded from 52 data elements in 16 data classes in version 1, to 94 data elements in 19 data classes in version 3, through the addition of more health insurance information, health status/assessments, laboratory, medications, patient demographics/information, and procedures. [Retrieved at: <https://www.healthit.gov/isa/sites/isa/files/2022-07/USCDI-Version-3-July-2022-Final.pdf>]
 - More information can be found here: **(Policy Article) EHR Intelligence, ONC Releases United States Core Data for Interoperability Version 3 (7/20/22)**- [Retrieved at: https://ehrintelligence.com/news/onc-releases-united-states-core-data-for-interoperability-version-3?eid=CXTEL000000652662&elqCampaignId=26745&utm_source=nl&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&elqTrackId=83ab12a03ba94b63b04f92d4f1998e13&elq=c1c6d29612bd47e1acf0a3dc8af804fa&elqaid=27595&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=26745]
- **(National Policy Recommendation) The Brookings Institute (Brookings), The roadmap to telehealth efficacy: Care, health, and digital equities (7/25/22)**- Brookings proposes flexibilities to reduce healthcare costs and improve access through greater competition and alternatives for healthcare delivery, inclusive of new technologies (e.g., telehealth). [Retrieved at: https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-roadmap-to-telehealth-efficacy-care-health-and-digital-equities/?utm_campaign=Center%20for%20Technology%20Innovation&utm_medium=email&utm_content=220885890&utm_source=hs_email]
- **(Colorado-Mentioned Article) Health Data Management, FHIR could ease data gathering for clinical research (7/14/22)**- This article covers a research project using HL7's Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resource (FHIR) to facilitate data collection for better nationwide disease tracking. The University of Colorado is partner. [Retrieved^{1*} at: https://www.healthdatamanagement.com/articles/fhir-could-ease-data-gathering-for-clinical-research?id=130557&utm_campaign=HDM%20Group%20Newsletters&utm_medium=email&hsmi=219664431&hsenc=p2ANqtz-DVaon_6GLG4DmCHLz3JarcQlWjQydqbyejzodPr9_0r6ltJELcRwvuSukdS9ep6LRO4tzBY1EDUton8eetyDr8wbuK5_fw8YxeTjq7qQD_tkZTmemTZqfVGS_SciSkLwnLx0R&utm_content=219664431&utm_source=hs_email]

Social Determinants of Health/Health Equity-

- **(Policy Article) Kaiser Health News, 'True Cost of Aging' Index Shows Many Seniors Can't Afford Basic Necessities (7/25/22)**- This article discusses the Elder Index, a lesser-known measure of the cost of living for older adults by state, and related public advocacy efforts. [Retrieved at: https://khn.org/news/article/elder-index-aging-costs-seniors-basic-necessities/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&hsmi=220685244&hsenc=p2ANqtz-ldwd_ZrpyiVXq7WY5wgJPnYhZvuyM9luRsQ135OqS9L2nE5dDmJOlolsSzDIPI4WAWIEI3ASiY8--1phWutvML12eYghy2FZW-g5rEAARZz0h75rU&utm_content=220685244&utm_source=hs_email]

^{1*}All web-based resources retrieved 8/3/22.

- **(State Article) Government Technology, Arkansas County Builds Wide-Spanning Service Hub (7/25/22)**- This article highlights a largely web-based project to address basic needs of individuals in the community, supported by a collaboration between state and local governments and funded by a Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) grant. [Retrieved at: https://www.govtech.com/health/arkansas-county-builds-wide-spanning-service-hub?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GT%20-%20GovTech%20Today&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=221286309&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8wrJycab3zS4tgiRSBy5Hf34FNTrZYUf7hRdIMCsFTcHwbcQF_tfsVTLJVFno_MJIomX0RX6KKvwfoeLTiobuhI0dWRW7eTQffVNMboMAzEvinlBJO0V_Qqf8YJvhO1NekUgp&utm_content=221286309&utm_source=hs_email]
- **(National News) Association for Community Affiliated Plans, Not-for-Profit Health Plans Launch Center for Social Determinants of Health Innovation (6/30/22)**- This news release announces a new center that provides a portfolio of resources in the development and promotion of best practice in the field of Social Determinants of Health. [Retrieved at: <https://www.communityplans.net/2022/06/30/not-for-profit-health-plans-launch-center-for-social-determinants-of-health-innovation/>]

Medicaid-

- **(Colorado-Specific Blog) The Commonwealth Fund (blog), HHS Approves Nation’s First Section 1332 Waiver for a Public Option-Style Health Care Plan in Colorado (7/12/22)**- This blog showcases Colorado’s section 1332 waiver, establishing a path for other states to expand access to affordable coverage. [Retrieved at: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2022/hhs-approves-nations-first-section-1332-waiver-public-option-plan-colorado?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Achieving+Universal+Coverage]
- **(Colorado-Mentioned Analysis) National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), Expanded Federal Investment in Home and Community-Based Services: State Approaches to Serve Children and Youth (7/22/22)**- NASHP has compiled analysis and comparison of states’ strategies in the allocation of the increased Medicaid matching funds for Home- and Community-Based Services, focusing on those strengthening youth-serving systems. [Retrieved at: https://www.nashp.org/expanded-federal-investment-in-home-and-community-based-services-state-approaches-to-serve-children-and-youth/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery]

Public Health-

- **(National News) Nextgov, Biden Administration Unveils Website to Help Combat Extreme Heat Conditions (7/26/22)**- The federal administration revealed a new website to serve as “...the premier source of information regarding heat and health for the nation.” The news article includes a link to the new site. [Retrieved at: <https://www.nextgov.com/analytics-data/2022/07/biden-administration-unveils-website-help-combat-extreme-heat-conditions/374965/>]
- **(National News) HHS press release, HHS Strengthens Country’s Preparedness for Health Emergencies, Announces Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) (7/22/22)**- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier elevated and renamed an existing office in effort to better mobilize and coordinate national response to future disasters and emergencies. [Retrieved at: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/07/22/hhs-strengthens-countrys-preparedness-health-emergencies-announces-administration-for-strategic-preparedness-response.html>]
- **(Policy Article) Governing, Public Health Struggles to Get Rid of Its Data Siloes (6/27/22)**- This article reviews and synthesizes key findings for an Ernst & Young, LLP survey of public health officials. In sum, the survey found much momentum resulting from the pandemic to modernize public health technology and address patchwork capabilities; however, political will and privacy issues mount. The article contains a link to EY US survey. [Retrieved at: https://www.governing.com/now/public-health-struggles-to-get-rid-of-its-data-silos?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GOV%20-%20Daily&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=217609736&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8ReMbiWTSOrv0IrgTlkbSP01BRhAzDD_J9OIoObL]



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