

eHealth Commission July 2022 News Highlights

Health IT-

- **(National Policy Blog) Executives for Health Innovation, Blog: The Summer of Interoperability (updated 6/23/22)**- This blog provides concise information about anticipated federal regulations and policy pertaining to health IT, namely interoperability and information blocking. [Find* at: <https://www.ehidc.org/blogs/blog-summer-interoperability/>]
- **(National Policy Presentation) Civitas Networks for Health, Public Policy Briefing (6/28/22)**- As taken from the Civitas description, "...we received important federal policy updates on health data modernization, health IT, SDOH and public health legislation and heard about key activities from the administration". Elections and Capitol Hill legislative activity are covered in some detail. [Find presentation at: https://www.civitasforhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/TPS-AB-Public-Policy-Briefing-Civitas-6_28_2022.pdf; recording at: <https://vimeo.com/725000800/39804c41a3>]

Social Determinants of Health/Health Equity-

- **(Colorado-Specific Article) Kaiser Health News (KHN), Trump's Legacy Looms Large as Colorado Aims to Close the Hispanic Insurance Gap (6/23/22)**- Using a personal story, this article showcases efforts in Colorado to address racial and ethnic inequities, namely health care access for immigrants. [Find at: https://khn.org/news/article/trump-legacy-colorado-hispanic-health-insurance-gap/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=217445229&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9lmeWtwXsB2VR6KhqJIU6ktEMi26TFazAOliT3gfiiWdqmXFzdWNhKOFvF9o_MjVOH7cA3TM4zAhBotfXGIDwzTWpas7ynCM-eh0XI5WGJ0VBmhJc&utm_content=217445229&utm_source=hs_email]
- **(Colorado-Mentioned Article) John Hopkins-Bloomberg School of Public Health, What Guaranteed Income Means for Public Health (6/23/22)**- This article discusses guaranteed income programs, namely Baltimore's, and possible implications for poverty, equity, and health. The article provides a link to the 60 mayors across the U.S. who have signed onto guaranteed income program pilots, including the mayors of Boulder and Denver. [Find at: https://publichealth.jhu.edu/2022/what-guaranteed-income-means-for-public-health?utm_source=Public+Health+Updates&utm_campaign=1dc102505c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_13_04_02_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7b4655f81b-1dc102505c-198680060]

Medicaid-

- **(Colorado-Specific Policy) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) press release, HHS Announces Historic, First-in-the Nation Program that Seeks to Expand Coverage to Nearly 10,000 Coloradans (6/23/22)**- This press release announces the approval of Colorado's Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver that will create a "Colorado Option", making insurance better available to approximately 10,000 Coloradans next year. [Find at: https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/06/23/hhs-announces-historic-first-in-the-nation-program-that-seeks-to-expand-coverage-to-nearly-10000-coloradans.html?utm_source=news-releases-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=june-26-2022]
 - **Axios, Colorado bets on a public option to grow health coverage (6/24/22)**- Additional information can be found in this news article. [Find at: https://www.axios.com/2022/06/24/colorado-public-option-health-insurance-bet?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_axiosvitals&stream=top]

Public Health-

- **(General Policy Recommendations) The Commonwealth Fund, Meeting America's Public Health Challenge: Recommendations for Building a National Public Health System That Addresses Ongoing and Future Health Crises, Advances Equity, and Earns Trust (6/21/22)**- The Commonwealth Fund's Commission on a National Public Health System issues recommendations for all levels of government, including states and localities. The report has received much national

* All links retrieved 7/1/22.



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<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/fund-reports/2022/jun/meeting-americas-public-health-challenge>]