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Health Technology-

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- **National Institute of Standards and Technology special publication, Securing Telehealth Remote Patient Monitoring Ecosystem (February 2022)-** *This guide explores methods to improve the cybersecurity and privacy controls of telehealth. [Retrieved at: https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.1800-30.pdf]*
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- **Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), Access in Brief: Experiences in Accessing Medical Care by Race and Ethnicity (February 2022)-** *MACPAC uses the 2015-18 National Health Interview Survey data to analyze Medicaid beneficiary demographics, health status, and difficulties accessing care by race, ethnicity, and age. [Retrieved at: https://www.macpac.gov/publication/access-in-brief-experiences-in-accessing-medical-care-by-race-and-ethnicity/]*
- **APHSA and CAP, Aligning Systems to Advance Family and Community Well-Being: A Partnership Playbook for Community Action and Human Services Agencies (January 2022)-** *This playbook discusses collaboration between Community Action and human services during the pandemic and a path forward for equitable pandemic recovery and thriving families. [Retrieved at: https://files.constantcontact.com/391325ca001/f090af97-105e-4c18-a000-6f980a770607.pdf]*
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