

eHealth Commission April 2023 News Highlights

Health IT-

- **(Practice Framework) Civitas Networks with collaborators, Health Data Utility Framework- A Guide to Implementation (3/2023)**- *This framework is a guide for jurisdictions, HIEs, and partners in the implementation of a health data utility (HDU) integrating health-related data for public health and care delivery. [Retrieved* from: <https://www.civitasforhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Civitas-HDU-Framework-Final-2023-03-26.pdf>]*
- **(Federal Report) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)- Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Leveraging Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Health Information Technology for Addressing Substance Use Disorder and Opioid Use Disorder (LPASO) (3/2023)**- *As taken from the report's forward, this report is intended for a wide audience in its examination of prescription drug monitoring programs' (PDMPs) support of substance and opioid misuse identification, prevention, and treatment. The report includes a link to a toolkit related to and aligned with the report that provides implementation information. [Retrieved from: https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/page/2023-03/LPASO_Landscape_Assessment_508.pdf]*
- **(Federal Agency Report) ONC, 2022 Report to Congress: Update on the Access, Exchange, and Use of Electronic Health Information (2/2022)**- *This annual report discusses the current state of access, exchange, and use of electronic health information; barriers to progress and actions taken; and ends with recommendations in further support of technology use and health information access. [Retrieved from: https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/page/2023-02/2022_ONC_Report_to_Congress.pdf]*
- **(Research) Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), Perspectives of Patients About Immediate Access to Test Results Through an Online Patient Portal (3/20/23)**- *The objective of this study, highlighted by ONC, was to assess patient and caregiver attitudes and preferences regarding the immediate release of test results through an online patient portal. Ninety-six percent of those surveyed preferred receiving test results immediately even if their health care provider had not yet reviewed the results. [Retrieved from: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2802672>]*
- **(National Data Brief) ONC Data Brief No. 65, Use of Telemedicine among Office-Based Physicians, 2021 (3/2023)**- *This data brief documents the rates of physician's telemedicine use, types of tools used, and information about the physicians, including characteristics and satisfaction with telemedicine. [Retrieved from: <https://www.healthit.gov/data/data-briefs/use-telemedicine-among-office-based-physicians-2021>]*
- **(Research) The Urban Institute, How Adults with Chronic Health Conditions Experience Telehealth (3/13/23)**- *The Urban Institute's report presents information and insights into the use of and access to telehealth services during the initial year of the COVID-19 pandemic among adults with chronic health conditions. The report was informed by a nationally representative survey of U.S. adults and qualitative interviews. [Retrieved from: https://www.urban.org/research/publication/how-adults-chronic-health-conditions-experience-telehealth?&utm_source=urban_newsletters&utm_campaign=HPC&utm_id=health_and_healthcare]*
- **(Research) HHS-National Institutes of Health, Increased use of telehealth services and medications for opioid use disorder during the COVID-19 pandemic associated with reduced risk for fatal overdose (3/29/23)**- *The press release includes a hyperlink to a newer study indicating that telehealth services and medications during the pandemic were associated with lowered likelihood for fatal drug overdose among Medicare beneficiaries. [Retrieved from: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/increased-use-telehealth-services-medications-opioid-use-disorder-during-covid-19-pandemic-associated-reduced-risk-fatal-overdose>]*
- **(Federal Programs Report) Federal Communications Commission, WCB Releases Interim Report on Connected Care and COVID-19 Telehealth (3/21/23)**- *This release includes a 49-page report from the Wireline Competition Bureau analyzing the impact of the cited programs on health providers' use of telehealth, including multiple lessons learned. [Retrieved from: https://www.fcc.gov/document/wcb-releases-interim-report-connected-care-and-covid-19-telehealth?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters]*

* All sites retrieved 4/4/23.

Broadband-

- **(Federal Informational Blog) HHS-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (blog), Digital Access: A Super Determinant of Health (3/22/23)-** *This blog presents evidence of the digital divide intersecting with equity and behavioral health, resulting in a call to action. The blog includes a listing of funding opportunities and resources.* [Retrieved from: https://www.samhsa.gov/blog/digital-access-super-determinant-health?utm_source=SAMHSA&utm_campaign=9228c9e99d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_03_20_04_25&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-9228c9e99d-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D]
- **(Federally Sponsored Dashboard) U.S. Census Bureau, New Dashboard to Explore Impacts of Federal Broadband Investments on Local Communities (2/28/23)-** *The press release discusses the launch of the ACCESS BROADBAND Dashboard, an information resource resulting from a partnership between the Census Bureau and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. A link to the dashboard is embedded within the press release.* [Retrieved from: https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2023/impacts-federal-broadband-investments.html?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters&utm_source=sendgrid]
- **(Coalition Roadmap) Schools, Health, & Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB), SHLB's 2023 Policy Roadmap Calls for Leveraging Anchor Institutions to Solve the Digital Divide (3/31/23)-** *The roadmap, accessible through the press release, outlines SHLB's policy priorities for 2023, namely opportunities to promote investment in high-quality broadband for community anchor institutions (CAIs) and their communities.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.shlb.org/news/shlb/2023/03/SHLBS-2023-Policy-Roadmap-Calls-for-Leveraging-Anchor-Institutions-to-Solve-the-Digital-Divide/>]

Medicaid/CMS-

- **(Medicaid Systems) Government Technology, States Upgrade Medicaid Systems to Deliver Modern Health Care (3/2023)-** *This article provides an update on states' modular approach to Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS).* [Retrieved from: https://www.govtech.com/computing/states-upgrade-medicaid-systems-to-deliver-modern-health-care?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GT%20-%20GovTech%20Today&utm_medium=email&_hsmt=249245854&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9tsv9DkBTZz0lvGkEXV2q9gP_NHDiAt-wymJdzdCqJsnrb_ifQ36djspnMKQ8XVFeDi1zxQYojJz9hK6-RsnXZ3Cmrdl6mKoytliDMIGMKKzuR3cZIApu1o_OV_vdRbmlnjHh&utm_content=249244892&utm_source=hs_email]
- **(State Waiver Spotlight) Kaiser Health News (KHN), Reentry Programs to Help Former Prisoners Obtain Health Care Are Often Underused (3/8/23)-** *The article discusses the limited medical discharge planning afforded prisoners and highlights a unique waiver obtained by California attempting to provide more seamless care.* [Retrieved from: <https://khn.org/news/article/prison-reentry-programs-former-inmates-health-care/>]

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and Health Equity-

- **(National Data Brief) The Commonwealth Fund, Inequities in Health Insurance Coverage and Access for Black and Hispanic Adults: The Impact of Medicaid Expansion and the Pandemic (3/2023)-** *The data brief updates prior analysis of health coverage and access inequities for Black and Hispanic adults in the U.S. The brief ends with policy implications, most all involving Medicaid.* [Retrieved from: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/Baumgartner_inequities_coverage_access_black_hispanic_adults_db.pdf?utm_medium=email&_hsmt=251886301&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--kaGtFq5cNVHYwN8x3d793KasAZqTpNKywt-b_zHmUPHfcSFTm-dPwPaX75-lzbdd01vwQuroi3Bk4Vx7xukQ4tTN0THTyRgl_tKIPJpMqNZCWjvJh4v7IESULuj657kTDPNOY&utm_content=251886301&utm_source=hs_email]
 - **(National Issue Brief) The Commonwealth Fund issue briefs, Inequities in Health Insurance Coverage and Access for Black and Hispanic Adults (3/16/23)-** *This is a related issue brief.* [Retrieved from: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2023/mar/inequities-coverage-access-black-hispanic-adults?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Health+Equity+C_I]
- **(Colorado-Mentioned Article) Health Affairs Forefront (blog from Center for Health Care Strategies), Leveraging Primary Care Population-Based Payments in Medicaid to Advance Health Equity (3/3/23)-** *This Health Affairs Forefront piece discusses Medicaid payment reform supporting health equity and includes highlights of five states actively pursuing population-based payment models, with helpful links to other informational sources.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/leveraging-primary-care-population-based-payments-medicaid-advance-health-equity>]
- **(Commentary and Analysis) New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) Catalyst, Distinguishing Health Equity and Health Care Equity: A Framework for Measurement (3/7/23)-** *This commentary discusses an extended framework to measure health care inequities and better equip health care*

