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eHealth Commission May 2023 News Highlights*

Health IT-

- **(Proposed Federal Rule) U.S. Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), General Overview: Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (HTI-1) Proposed Rule (4/2023)-** *On 4/11/23, ONC released a proposed rule to implement provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act and updates to the Health IT Certification Program. Comments are due 6/20/23. [Retrieved from: https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/HTI-1_Gen_Overview_fact%20sheet_508.pdf]*

- **(Federal Agency Strategy) U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Public Health Data Strategy: Public Health Data Goals and 2-Year Milestones (4/2023)-** *As taken from the executive summary, the CDC released this strategy to address gaps in the exchange of data across healthcare and public health. [Retrieved from: https://www.cdc.gov/ophdst/public-health-data-strategy/Public_Health_Data_Strategy-final-P.pdf]*

- **(National Reports) The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), Data Exchange to Save Lives: IIS and HIE Relationships & the Laws Protecting Public Health Data (3/30/23)-** *ASTHO published two reports exploring opportunities for improved public health action through HIE sharing of immunization data and the legal landscape of public health data, both in effort to advance population health. The reports were produced in partnership with ONC. [Retrieved from: https://www.astho.org/topic/report/data-exchange-to-save-lives/]*

- **(International Survey Findings) The Commonwealth Fund, How Primary Care Physicians Experience Telehealth: An International Comparison (4/6/23)-** *This issue brief discusses findings from the 2022 Commonwealth Fund's International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians. [Retrieved from: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2023/apr/primary-care-physicians-telehealth-2022-international-survey?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Improving+Health+Care+Quality]*

- **(Federal Resources) U.S. Department and Health and Human Services (HHS), HHS Cybersecurity Task Force Provides New Resources to Help Address Rising Threat of Cyberattacks in Healthcare and Public Health Sector (4/17/23)-** *The HHS 405(d) Program has recently released three resources to help address cybersecurity concerns. [Retrieved from: https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/04/17/hhs-cybersecurity-task-force-provides-new-resources-help-address-rising-threat-cyberattacks-health-public-health-sector.html]*

- **(Congressional Report) U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), Electronic Health Information Exchange: Use Has Increased, but Is Lower for Small and Rural Providers, Report #: GAO-23-105540 (4/21/23)-** *As a result of the federal investment through the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, the GAO was asked to review the status of health information exchange, including interviews with key federal and state officials, data analysis, survey data, and collection of stakeholder inputs. [Retrieved from: https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-23-105540]*

- **(Program Highlight) Government Technology, How Telehealth and TAPs Drive Broadband Adoption (4/27/23)-** *This article highlights programming in Missouri, Utah, and the northwest U.S. that evidence healthcare access, namely behavioral health care, underpinning new connectivity for low-income populations. [Retrieved from: https://www.govtech.com/health/how-telehealth-and-taps-drive-broadband-adoption?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GT%20-%20GovTech%20Today&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=256146071&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8nk_RBzIif8TWqdaqY-ytZdLiNP63gEeorn_QQGil_RHC4VJ_lmsx4BK_AjK9urWRig6GFmp6vuIeHlj8AvDJtAa7xOXfODaE47Hj781sajJPUbH8ffaFxgsW7aqnpTuVb1wz5&utm_content=256146404&utm_source=hs_email]*

Medicaid/CMS-

- **(National Policy Watch) Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), Section 1115 Waiver Watch: Continuous Eligibility Waivers and Implications for Unwinding (4/24/23)-** *KFF released this policy watch of Section 1115 Continuous Eligibility Waivers, showcasing six states. [Retrieved from: https://www.kff.org/policy-watch/section-1115-waiver-watch-continuous-eligibility-waivers-and-implications-for-unwinding/]*

- **(Federal Waiver Opportunities) U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), State Medicaid Director Letter, SMD# 23-003, Opportunities to Test Transition-Related Strategies to Support Community Reentry and Improve Care Transitions for Individuals Who Are Incarcerated (4/17/23)-** *CMS released this letter to state director advising of opportunities to test transition-related strategies to support reentry. [Retrieved from: https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd23003.pdf]*

  - **(National Article) KFF, As US Life Expectancy Falls, Experts Cite the Health Impacts of Incarceration (4/27/23)-** *In a piece on the topic, KFF Health News discusses the declines in U.S. life expectancy and association with incarceration. [Retrieved from: https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/prison-health-impact-american-life-expectancy-aging/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=256033032&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9n03qf9BHIDOW5k2AS-d-R5suHc9gtG00kp81dXls3fBeUtk_Ob9yPL8e7-sKyJo9iBUKGFX7uWo3p8MYojn-wzBWcnKiOlrsU9f-3ZM173RP51wE&utm_content=256033032&utm_source=hs_email]*

- **(National and State Analysis) National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), State Approaches to Behavioral Health Measures in Medicaid Managed Care (4/17/23)-** *NASHP conducted a recent review of Medicaid managed care programs' behavioral health measures and related payment approaches. This brief provides the findings and includes a link to a state-level performance measure tracker and downloadable data. [Retrieved from: https://nashp.org/state-approaches-to-behavioral-health-measures-in-medicaid-managed-care/]*

- **(Practice Considerations) Center for Health Care Strategies, Incorporating Community-Based Organizations in Medicaid Efforts to Address Health-Related Social Needs: Key State Considerations (4/2023)-** *This report summarizes essential elements for building cross-sector partnerships with community-based organizations in state Medicaid programs. [Retrieved from: https://www.chcs.org/resource/incorporating-community-based-organizations-in-medicaid-efforts-to-address-health-related-social-needs-key-state-considerations/?utm_source=CHCS+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=fe90e3b37d-CBO-Report_04%2F06%2F23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-fe90e3b37d-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D]*

- **(Colorado-Mentioned Report) Center for Health Care Strategies, Streamlining Data to Better Support Eligible Families: Medicaid and SNAP Data Coordination Case Studies (3/2023) (CO, NC, SD case studies)-** *This profile spotlights three states, including Colorado, in their efforts to improve data coordination between the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid, leading to simplification of and efficiencies in eligibility and enrollment processes. [Retrieved from: https://www.chcs.org/resource/streamlining-data-to-better-support-eligible-families-medicaid-and-snap-data-coordination-case-studies/?utm_source=CHCS+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=a11be2886c-Medicaid-SNAP+Case+Studies+-+4%2F5%2F23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-a11be2886c-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D]*

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and Health Equity-

- **(Colorado-Mentioned Report) Brookings, 3 social triggers for behavioral health needs – and what to do about them (4/13/23)-** *This research report discusses homelessness, food insecurity, and hygiene poverty and their impact on mental health. [Retrieved from: https://www.brookings.edu/research/3-social-triggers-for-behavioral-health-needs-and-what-to-do-about-them/?utm_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm_medium=email&utm_content=254390187&utm_source=hs_email]*

- **(Federal Agency Analysis) The Urban Institute project, Federal Agencies' Equity Action Plans: Analysis, Summaries, Recommendations (3/2023)-** *This webpage includes access to a two-page digest of federal agencies' equity action plans, including HHS, and links to related briefs. [Retrieved from: https://www.urban.org/projects/federal-agencies-equity-action-plans-analysis-summaries-recommendations?&utm_source=urban_ea&utm_campaign=Equity%20Action%20Plans%20Synthesis%20Digests&utm_id=race_and_equity&utm_content=general_event_attendees&utm_term=race_and_equity]*
- **(Civic and Community Health) Governing, In Communities Where Civic Health Is Poor, Lives Are Shorter (4/4/23)-** *This article discusses a report from the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute showing connection between civic infrastructure and the quality and longevity of lives. [Retrieved from: https://www.governing.com/now/in-communities-where-civic-health-is-poor-lives-are-shorter?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GOV%20-%20Daily&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=253500032&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_2CzLrIQIM95Yykcpq9848fSM7WJt9nLGWmVAhMYocnMV0UclMKmRsPncOiIPfQiII5nkvaHzoyuco0gpeQk1hEaa6YCmK1OiHRGSHQBP8iC2NU-az_Ek-ypYNp6QEKYcqof-T&utm_content=253500032&utm_source=hs_email]*

<u>Other Health News-</u>
- **(COVID-19 Flexibilities Timeline) KFF, Timeline of End Dates for Key Health-Related Flexibilities Provided Through COVID-19 Emergency Declarations, Legislation, and Administrative Actions (4/28/23)-** *In this piece, KFF provides an at-a-glance timeline of key end dates for COVID-19 flexibilities. [Retrieved from: https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/timeline-of-end-dates-for-key-health-related-flexibilities-provided-through-covid-19-emergency-declarations-legislation-and-administrative-actions/?utm_campaign=KFF-2023-The-Latest&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=256270316&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9_ke96ueJ1ZoInz8ogyt4GY3pnQBCyzaJokHGufNKe60OLYC7gYYCFKg7mT7Q2PyqeWNzlIurOXUcl9RzZkBwbMEz-JCkGKswLEN-4TIQOAhKxswA&utm_content=256270316&utm_source=hs_email]*
- **(Colorado-Mentioned News Series) PBS Newshour, Exploring the health care challenges rural Americans face across 5 states (4/12/23)-** *PBS created a new series to explore rural healthcare in America. Reporting takes place from five states, including Colorado. [Retrieved from: https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/exploring-the-health-care-challenges-rural-americans-face-across-5-states?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=254173501&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8i93Kh4mOCEC9NNGIGDt4ac-Au2Jqb-xKppfv4g_g_NH9qO0RE545pHTi54EKhSaWpE1JG8xtpCHZJ4ihfjD8VeBvkajEaQsbDXtVsLc8tIysPKVM&utm_content=254173501&utm_source=hs_email]*
- **(Federal Policy) White House Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Most Sweeping Set of Executive Actions to Improve Care in History (4/18/23)-** *This fact sheet summaries and highlights recent federal actions to improve caregiving. [Retrieved from: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/04/18/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-most-sweeping-set-of-executive-actions-to-improve-care-in-history/]*
- **(Federal Policy) White House Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Actions to Protect Patient Privacy at the Third Meeting of the Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access (4/12/23)-** *This fact sheet outlines actions on the part of the federal administration to strengthen reproductive health privacy. The fact sheet provides links to proposed rulemaking and policies. [Retrieved from: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/04/12/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-actions-to-protect-patient-privacy-at-the-third-meeting-of-the-task-force-on-reproductive-healthcare-access/]*