eHealth Commission October 2023 News Highlights

Health IT-

- **(Federal Data Brief) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Hospital Use of APIs to Enable Data Sharing Between EHRs and Apps (9/2023)-** *This data brief provides findings and related assessment about non-federal acute care hospitals' use of patient and provider-facing APIs.* [Retrieved* from: https://www.healthit.gov/data/data-briefs/hospital-use-apis-enable-data-sharing-between-ehrs-and-apps]

- **(Federal Agency Blog) ONC Health IT buzz (blog), Getting Ready for EHI Export: A Quick Guide (8/29/23)-** *This blog revisits the requirements to certify to the Electronic Health Information export criterion (45 C.F.R. 170.315(b)(10)) and make functionality available to end users as the 12/31/23 deadline approaches.* [Retrieved from: https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/healthit-certification/getting-ready-for-ehi-export-a-quick-guide]

- **(Federal Request for Comments) Federal Register, Food and Drug Administration Information Technology Strategy; Request for Comment (9/19/23)-** *In this Federal Register notice, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requests comments by 10/30/23 on the "FDA Information Technology Strategy".* [Retrieved from: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-09-19/pdf/2023-20136.pdf]

- **(National Report) Center for Data Innovation, Overcoming Barriers to Data Sharing (9/25/23)-** *This report discusses data sharing between public and private sectors, indicating barriers to innovation in key industries, including health care.* [Retrieved from: https://www2.datainnovation.org/2023-data-sharing-barriers.pdf]

- **(National Report) Center for Connected Medicine (CCM), Top of the Mind for Top Health Systems 2024: AI Vaults to the Top of the Agenda (9/2023)-** *In this report, CCM discusses results from its annual survey of U.S. health care executives.* [Retrieved from: info.connectedmed.com/l/689353/2023-08-30/2ld521/689353/1693403930sCnDbBt8/Top_Of_Mind_For_Top_Health_Systems_2024_CCM_Reports.pdf?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=email&utm_content=tom24-white-paper-pdf-tomtgt-EM&utm_campaign=tom-24]

- **(AI Article) Harvard Business Review, AI Adoption in U.S. Health Care Won't Be Easy (9/14/23)-** *The article makes three broad suggestions to address the challenges facing the adoption of AI within the healthcare system.* [Retrieved from: https://hbr.org/2023/09/ai-adoption-in-u-s-health-care-wont-be-easy?ab=hero-subleft-1]

- **(AI Article) Health Data Management, Unshackling medical practices: How AI can reshape coding (9/21/23)-** *This piece speaks to the potential for AI to address coding issues and practitioner burnout.* [Retrieved from: https://www.healthdatamanagement.com/articles/unshackling-medical-practices-how-ai-can-reshape-coding?id=133645&utm_campaign=HDM%20Group%20Newsletters&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=275392174&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8MXUIZVkjWFGIyB7w-SHBaaoggvYDAQXZ_RUmqusNYI5S0J-BrHz0LWLiRY1vaCeSUY46z2i2mowBW7VCR8uyfWWM5t-iAvFGhJBXhzH4Cl-nlhWH4wSJRZj2XiTK71Jxk4nnt&utm_content=275392174&utm_source=hs_email]

- **(State Highlight) Government Technology, Inside N.C.'s Digital Approach to Suicide Prevention, Awareness (9/26/23)-** *The article highlights a technology-based approach by North Carolina to prevent suicide and bolster suicide awareness.* [Retrieved from: https://www.govtech.com/health/inside-n-c-s-digital-approach-to-suicide-prevention-awareness?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GT%20-%20GovTech%20Today&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=275910989&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9MWiTzeJh6079aw0x9xL10jR38EvwINeUG8cUFZfazxZKEE-KMLOGT6n9BmoQscwmwGyUP3UugUgYh8ZLNJT4acTXEeEiBL863LXoPhbuwZNupJ58KkHK360B4ZFr70SpYXFSr&utm_content=275911417&utm_source=hs_email]

- **(State Initiative) ABC 25 Columbia, "Telehealth carts" to be placed in 18 rural senior centers across South Carolina (9/18/23)-** *This article showcases an effort in South Carolina to improve rural senior citizens' access to telehealth services.* [Retrieved from: https://www.abccolumbia.com/2023/09/18/telehealth-carts-to-be-placed-in-18-rural-senior-centers-across-south-carolina/?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters]

Broadband/Digital Equity-

- **(Sponsored National Study) Connected Nation, Mind the Gap: Closing the Digital Divide Through Affordability, Access, and Adoption (9/2023)-** *This study is an effort to understand broadband access, adoption, and usage, including attitudes about home broadband and the Affordable Connectivity Program.* [Retrieved from: https://connectednation.org/static_assets/5a34b1a7-fb9e-4a72-98be-1524f8db1df9/23_ATT_Mind_The_Gap_9.5_hi.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters&utm_source=sendgrid]

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* All sites retrieved 10/5/23.

- **(Media Survey) US News & World Report (U.S. News), Internet Costs, Speed, and Value Consumer Survey 2023 (9/19/23)-** *U.S. News conducted a study about the affordability and quality of internet service. This article provides a review of the study's findings, concluding that most households are paying more for sluggish service.* [Retrieved from: https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/internet-cost-speed-value-survey?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters]

- **(Affordability Demonstration) Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew), Is Broadband Affordable for Middle-Class Families? (8/30/23)-** *In this article, Pew reviews its demonstration of what qualifies as affordable broadband for middle class families, in effort to help states address the reasonable price requirement within the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD).* [Retrieved from: https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2023/08/30/is-broadband-affordable-for-middle-class-families?utm_source=ECS+Subscribers&utm_campaign=8f980b01d1-ED_CLIPS_2023_08_31&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-8f980b01d1-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D]

- **(Covered Populations) Benton Institute for Broadband & Society (Benton), Digital Equity in Rural Areas (9/11/23)-** *Benton has created a discussion piece for each of the eight "covered populations" recognized within the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act's Digital Equity Act. Each of the eight pieces can be accessed through the following site.* [Retrieved from: https://www.benton.org/blog/digital-equity-rural-areas?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters]

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)/Health Equity-

- **(Federal Website) HHS-Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), Check Out Our New Resource on Social Determinants of Health and Older Adults (9/18/23)-** *ODPHP launched a new site containing healthy aging resources.* [Retrieved from: https://health.gov/news/202309/check-out-our-new-resource-social-determinants-health-and-older-adults?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=275804826&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9Nnzt5s9alyOTefbVCYpc3c-dEuXh7GmHnhKzZqBxWlB9kfQksBEyGagKyYbeeEl63WEPEemVfT2xgo91qI_ofnoozC-ti5amKtFzm-Vx5ITf_qPgFQuwkv_VeLYo-kEfNowcR&utm_content=275804826&utm_source=hs_email]

- **(Federal Designation) HHS-National Institutes for Health (NIH), NIH designates people with disabilities as a population with health disparities (9/26/23)-** *In this press release, NIH designates people with disabilities as a population with health disparities for research purposes, in effort to advance understanding and support for multilevel interventions.* [Retrieved from: https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-designates-people-disabilities-population-health-disparities]

- **(Research Paper) The Brookings Institute, Accounting for the widening mortality gap between American adults with and without a BA (9/27/23)-** *As part of the fall edition of papers on economic activity, the Brookings Institute studies mortality data that evidences a widening gap between adults with and without four-year college degrees.* [Retrieved from: https://www.brookings.edu/articles/accounting-for-the-widening-mortality-gap-between-american-adults-with-and-without-a-ba/?utm_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm_medium=email&utm_content=276100506&utm_source=hs_email]

- **(Language Access Article) Health Data Management, Why breaking language barriers is key to achieving health equity (9/21/23)-** *The article includes a brief examination of languages barriers as an obstacle to positive health outcomes.* [Retrieved from: https://www.healthdatamanagement.com/articles/why-breaking-language-barriers-is-key-to-achieving-health-equity?id=133636&utm_campaign=HDM%20Group%20Newsletters&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=275392174&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-91Xqn7sZ1_q4hCVEpoUusSFxGKM1mGiAB9vbD3aIZNHKbEWoOuf85KbO7j-irMAtj5-tCG6ptOaluGKldke4SbUeLjEFde9ZwmDlELiCX2Dofr9XhL_c9-IbCv9T1x1MoNnSwf&utm_content=275392174&utm_source=hs_email]

- **(Language Access Issue Brief) The Commonwealth Fund (The Fund), Uneven Ground: Differences in Language Access Across State-Based Marketplaces (9/14/23)-** *In this issue brief, The Fund documents language access policies and practices from the 21 state-based marketplaces, as taken from a survey.* [Retrieved from: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2023/sep/uneven-ground-differences-language-access-state-based-marketplaces?utm_campaign=Improving%20Health%20Care%20Quality&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=274331850&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--7dafIIVd55e4Stc60CloJ7n1G6eLMGcodWqjoWolU5QaYVqz6x_eMO7ZJTpOrrtQqJVuh4D69TeFqOIb0ExryVBhHzC1h8SPY59tybmGR9gmautVOwJnfZrnNV8Q_DRPoSRp4&utm_source=alert]

- **(Federal Press Release) HHS Office of Civil Rights Issues Bulletin on Countering Antisemitism and on Protecting Patients and Recipients of Human Services from Discrimination Based on shared Ancestry or Ethnic Characteristics (9/28/23)-** *The press release announces a bulletin describing how civil rights laws may protect individuals from discrimination based on their actual or perceived ethnicity or ancestry, with a link to the bulletin.* [Retrieved from: https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/09/28/hhs-office-civil-rights-issues-bulletin-countering-antisemitism-protecting-patients-recipients-human-services-discrimination-shared-ancestry-ethnic-characteristics.html]

- **(Federal Press Release) HHS Issues New Proposed Rule to Strengthen Prohibitions Against Discrimination on the Basis of a Disability in Health Care and Human Services Programs (9/7/23)-** *The press release publicizes a new proposed rule to strengthen prohibitions against discrimination based on disability in health and human services, with a link to the proposed rule and related resources.* [Retrieved from: https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/09/07/hhs-issues-new-proposed-rule-to-strengthen-prohibitions-against-discrimination-on-basis-of-disability-in-health-care-and-human-services-programs.html]
- **(News Article about Research) The Daily Yonder, Experimental Study Shows Dramatic Poverty Decreases With 7 Safety Net Programs Fully Funded and at 100% Participation (9/18/23)-** *This news piece reports on research from the Urban Institute that finds poverty would decrease significantly if seven safety net programs were fully funded, with full participation from eligible candidates.* [Retrieved from: https://dailyyonder.com/experimental-study-shows-dramatic-poverty-decreases-with-7-safety-net-programs-fully-funded-and-at-100-participation/2023/09/18/?utm_medium=email]

Medicaid/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-

- **(HCBS Brief) Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), Pandemic-Era Changes to Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS): A Closer Look at Family Caregiver Policies (9/19/23)-** *This issue brief discusses how public health emergency authorities were used by states to strengthen the HCBS programs and challenges from the emergency's end.* [Retrieved from: https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/pandemic-era-changes-to-medicaid-home-and-community-based-services-hcbs-a-closer-look-at-family-caregiver-policies/?utm_campaign=KFF-2023-Medicaid&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=274876147&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--i-UorlNqrSoYD046I9WETS8EXCgKICPJdOMkCnDCfT_1viW0IEZ5lyC4GND99NNqT5Allb4DFPEBYFuThO_7CbfoNvA2MHeJUYZRM37X4iV8egX0&utm_content=274876147&utm_source=hs_email]
- **(Policy/Practice Brief) Center for Health Care Strategies brief, Meeting the Health and Social Needs of LGBTQ+ Older Adults Through Medicaid (9/2023)-** *Opportunities to better support LGBTQ+ older adults through the Medicaid Program are explored within this brief.* [Retrieved from: https://www.chcs.org/resource/meeting-the-health-and-social-needs-of-lgbtq-older-adults-through-medicaid/]
- **(Funding Opportunity) CMS press release, CMS Announces Transformative Model to Give States Incentives and Flexibilities to Redesign Health Care Delivery, Improve Equitable Access to Care (9/5/23)-** *This press release announces the State Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development Model (AHEAD Model) to better address medical and behavioral health conditions. CMS anticipates award to eight states, with the notice of funding opportunity to be released this fall.* [Retrieved from: https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-transformative-model-give-states-incentives-and-flexibilities-redesign-health-care]

Public Health/Other Health News-

- **(Family Caregiver Campaign Website) National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) in partnership with multiple organizations, National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers in Your Community (2023)-** *This is a new website provisioning campaign resource guides, including hundreds of actions that federal, state, and local governments, businesses, and communities can do to help family caregivers.* [Retrieved from: https://supportcaregiving.org/?utm_source=Nashp%20Enews&utm_campaign=81d397367d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_Sept_19_2023&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_afe3b8a6e2-81d397367d-211040598]
- **(State Scorecards) AARP, Innovation and Opportunity: A State Scorecard on Long-Term Services and Supports for Odler Adults, People with Physical Disabilities, and Family Caregivers (9/28/23)-** *The AARP releases state scorecards every three years that describe how states' long-term services and supports (LTSS) systems are performing. The scorecards are intended to spur transformational action and modernization within LTSS systems.* [Retrieved from: https://ltsschoices.aarp.org/scorecard-report/innovation-and-opportunity?utm_campaign=Improving%20Health%20Care%20Quality&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=276229990&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9kNBnHIhvGAQhYgkZ58d1DEccnz6JjKzXejhkWNy8-APYLJPhAxLf1M9RwB8pTO2ibuf5drQiqHuzuLDqF_hReKp91ZugO3p9o2vBtf8-ZB-vKQjimDRrzfr-QhmwjS66-MhZP&utm_content=276229990&utm_source=hs_email]
- **(Treatment Financing Report) Center for Health Care Strategies with Pew, State Principles for Financing Substance Use Care Treatment and Support Services (9/2023)-** *This report outlines 10 financing principles for states to strengthen substance use disorder treatment services.* [Retrieved from: https://www.chcs.org/resource/state-principles-for-financing-substance-use-care-treatment-and-support-services/?utm_source=CHCS+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=3f52f9e918-Pew-Financing-Report_09%2F18%2F23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-3f52f9e918-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D]