

## eHealth Commission September 2023 News Highlights

### Health IT-

- **(Federal Project Blog) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) Health IT buzz, Advancing Genomic Data-Sharing for Research and Patient Care: Sync for Genes Project Delivers Final Report and Toolkit (8/21/23)**- *This blog discusses the Sync for Genes project intended to advance standards and tools to effectively integrate genomic information into clinical workflows. The blog includes links to Sync for Genes project page, the project's Phase 5 final report, and resources toolkit.* [Retrieved\* from: <https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/research-and-scientific-advancement/advancing-genomic-data-sharing-for-research-and-patient-care-sync-for-genes-project-delivers-final-report-and-toolkit>]
- **(Health IT News Article/Series) Health Data Management, Unlocking healthcare's interoperability potential: The TEFCA journey (8/17/23)**- *Health Data Management featured this article as part of a series covering information sharing, namely Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) and health data utilities (HDUs). Access to other articles in this series is provided.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.healthdatamanagement.com/articles/unlocking-healthcares-interoperability-potential-the-tefca-journey>]
- **(Federal Project Report) ONC-Lantern Project, Lighting the Way for FHIR® API Implementation: Solutions for Endpoint Publication and Discovery (8/2023)**- *This report describes solutions to two challenges identified in the development of the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) Application Programming Interface (API) monitoring service.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/20230808\\_Lantern-lighting-the-way-FHIR-implementation-report-508.pdf](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/20230808_Lantern-lighting-the-way-FHIR-implementation-report-508.pdf)]
- **(National Best/Promising Practices) AHIP, American Medical Association (AMA), and National Association of ACOs (NAACOS), The Future of Sustainable Value-Based Payment: Voluntary Best Practices to Advance Data Sharing (2023)**- *The playbook developed by this collaborative includes best and promising practices for overcoming challenges with data sharing for value-based care arrangements.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.aurrerahealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Voluntary-Best-Practices-to-Advance-Data-Sharing.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmt=268486383&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz--mRF2ARxo2x746zs1bJSJq-74KzzErhQm7ZkFQ5Bx6Ja6LnO6W6flcap1epxxJq7LEOHY4S0ki1itYngXc9ZoDBGK-pLU\\_VvGzvQTlrsjvKB7pNgFoOwNK3GSAHlaTB97dOLX&utm\\_content=268486383&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.aurrerahealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Voluntary-Best-Practices-to-Advance-Data-Sharing.pdf?utm_medium=email&_hsmt=268486383&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--mRF2ARxo2x746zs1bJSJq-74KzzErhQm7ZkFQ5Bx6Ja6LnO6W6flcap1epxxJq7LEOHY4S0ki1itYngXc9ZoDBGK-pLU_VvGzvQTlrsjvKB7pNgFoOwNK3GSAHlaTB97dOLX&utm_content=268486383&utm_source=hs_email)]
- **(State Policy Tracker) Center for Connected Health Policy (CCHP), States with Telehealth Licensure Compacts and State Telehealth Policies for Cross-State Licensing (released 8/22/23)**- *The Center for Connected Health Policy has produced two websites tracking state licensure policies allowing an out-of-state provider to render telemedicine services or telehealth, and interstate compacts allowing providers to practice in states in which they are not licensed.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.cchpca.org/topic/licensure-compacts/> (Licensure Compacts); <https://www.cchpca.org/topic/cross-state-licensing-professional-requirements/> (Cross-State Licensing)]

### Broadband-

- **(Colorado Proposed Plan) Colorado Broadband Office, Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment Program: Five-Year Action Plan (8/14/23)**- *This action plans presents Colorado's proposed framework for future initial and final proposals mandated by the National Telecommunications Information Administration, supporting expanded universal broadband access across the state.* [Retrieved from: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14daNq8jRu0zzboz5qNSZJMnrq2umo3yU/view>]
- **(National Report) Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF), Enabling Equity: Why Universal Broadband Access Rates Matter (8/14/23)**- *The report discusses the economic impact of broadband, increased resource accessibility associated with online institutions, and policy recommendations.* [Retrieved from: [https://itif.org/publications/2023/08/14/enabling-equity-why-universal-broadband-access-rates-matter/?utm\\_source=sendgrid&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletters](https://itif.org/publications/2023/08/14/enabling-equity-why-universal-broadband-access-rates-matter/?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters)]
- **(National Toolkit) National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) and the United Church of Christ Media Justice Ministry, State Digital Justice Advocacy Toolkit (8/16/23)**- *The toolkit's intent is to help advocates navigate the new assistance programs created under recent federal laws and appropriations.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.nclc.org/resources/state-digital-justice-advocacy-toolkit/?utm\\_source=sendgrid&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletters](https://www.nclc.org/resources/state-digital-justice-advocacy-toolkit/?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters)]

- **(National Resource) Benton Institute for Broadband and Society, Visions of Digital Equity (8/2023)-** *This resource presents principles to help state residents evaluate their digital equity plans.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.benton.org/sites/default/files/VisionsDigitalEquity.pdf?utm\\_source=sendgrid&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletters](https://www.benton.org/sites/default/files/VisionsDigitalEquity.pdf?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters)]

### **Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)/Health Equity-**

- **(Federal Data Brief) ONC Data Brief No. 67, Social Needs Screening among Non-Federal Acute Care Hospitals, 2022 (7/2023)-** *As taken from the overview, the data brief draws from the 2022 American Hospital Association Information Technology supplement to describe non-federal acute care hospitals' collection and receipt of data on patients' health-related social needs and how the data are used to promote patient and population health.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.healthit.gov/data/data-briefs/social-needs-screening-among-non-federal-acute-care-hospitals-2022>]
- **(Policy/Practice Brief) Urban Institute, Unequal Treatment at 20: Accelerating Progress Toward Health Care Equity (8/17/23)-** *The downloadable brief provides findings and recommendations from the March 2023 Unequal Treatment at 20 Symposium.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/Unequal%20Treatment%20at%2020-Accelerating%20Progress%20Toward%20Health%20Care%20Equity\\_2023.pdf](https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/Unequal%20Treatment%20at%2020-Accelerating%20Progress%20Toward%20Health%20Care%20Equity_2023.pdf)]
- **(Research Report) Urban Institute, Measuring Structural Racism: Approaches from Health Literature (8/17/23)-** *The downloadable research report includes a scan of 10 years of quantitative empirical literature examining the relationship between structural racism and health, in effort to enhance the skills of researchers.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/Measuring%20Structural%20Racism%20Approaches%20from%20the%20Health%20Literature.pdf>]
- **(Research Article) PsyPost, Generous anti-poverty programs mitigate impact of low income on child brain development, study finds (8/8/23)-** *This article discusses recently published research that evidences the positive impact of economic support programs on children's brain development. The article includes a link to the published research.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.psypost.org/2023/08/generous-anti-poverty-programs-mitigate-impact-of-low-income-on-child-brain-development-study-finds-167484>]
- **(Research/Report Blog) Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) Chat, New Survey Highlights the Role of Health Care Providers in Food Insecurity Screening and Intervening (8/7/23)-** *This blog highlights findings from a recent report produced by FRAC in partnership with the AARP Foundation that shows providers screening patients for food insecurity and connecting them to services.* [Retrieved from: <https://frac.org/blog/screen-and-intervene-survey>]
- **(Article about Colorado Initiative) CSH, A 5-Year Denver-based Supportive Housing Project Achieves "Remarkable Success" for People Entrenched in Homelessness and Jail Stays (7/2023)-** *This piece showcases a Denver-based initiative to address entrenched homelessness and justice involvement.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.csh.org/2021/07/denver-supportive-housing-project-achieves-remarkable-success-for-homelessness-and-jail-stays/>]
- **(Research Article) Science Daily, Caution: Living alone puts people with cognitive decline at risk (8/18/23)-** *This news piece provides an overview of research from the University of California-San Francisco that shows living alone for individuals with cognitive decline as a social determinant of health and advocates for more robust supports.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/08/230818135219.htm>]
- **(Research Article) Daily Yonder, Report: Substandard Housing Facilities for Rural Residents Reflected in Health Outcomes (8/30/23)-** *The article provides access to and reviews a policy brief that found more rural residents live in substandard housing and face corresponding negative health impacts.* [Retrieved from: [https://dailyyonder.com/report-substandard-housing-facilities-for-rural-residents-reflected-in-health-outcomes/2023/08/30/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Center+for+Rural+Strategies&utm\\_campaign=5d9615d8c6-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_08\\_30\\_01\\_48&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-5d9615d8c6-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D&mc\\_cid=5d9615d8c6&mc\\_eid=ebe4784080](https://dailyyonder.com/report-substandard-housing-facilities-for-rural-residents-reflected-in-health-outcomes/2023/08/30/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Center+for+Rural+Strategies&utm_campaign=5d9615d8c6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_08_30_01_48&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-5d9615d8c6-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=5d9615d8c6&mc_eid=ebe4784080)]
- **(Federal Guide) HHS-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Best Practices for Successful Reentry From Criminal Justice Settings for People Living with Mental Health Conditions and/or Substance Use Disorders (8/2023)-** *SAMHSA presents this guide in examination of successful supports for reentry of adults with mental health or substance use disorders.* [Retrieved from: [https://store.samhsa.gov/product/best-practices-successful-reentry-criminal-justice-settings-people-living-mental-health/pep23-06-06-001?utm\\_source=SAMHSA&utm\\_campaign=8773fd730a-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_08\\_28\\_03\\_33&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-8773fd730a-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://store.samhsa.gov/product/best-practices-successful-reentry-criminal-justice-settings-people-living-mental-health/pep23-06-06-001?utm_source=SAMHSA&utm_campaign=8773fd730a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_08_28_03_33&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-8773fd730a-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)]

- **(Local Government Analysis) Governing, How Community-Based Programs Improve Public Health (8/7/23)**- *The article outlines the increasingly important, beneficial role that community-based programs (CBOs) have in public health.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.governing.com/health/how-community-based-programs-improve-public-health?utm\\_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GOV%20-%20Daily&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=269100417&hsenc=p2ANqtz-OoLIsVI7zAoPVs42leTbTRXuakKBTyKrzM7K-sL1P3kvtAeJNptgnFvGbByfz3aZSZnVSyZ2wos0jPQjBNixNFS\\_Elg6qmfSDKYs-Xxp7DBgugZCFVt6Wys0ns81\\_c\\_pr211u&utm\\_content=269100417&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.governing.com/health/how-community-based-programs-improve-public-health?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20GOV%20-%20Daily&utm_medium=email&hsmi=269100417&hsenc=p2ANqtz-OoLIsVI7zAoPVs42leTbTRXuakKBTyKrzM7K-sL1P3kvtAeJNptgnFvGbByfz3aZSZnVSyZ2wos0jPQjBNixNFS_Elg6qmfSDKYs-Xxp7DBgugZCFVt6Wys0ns81_c_pr211u&utm_content=269100417&utm_source=hs_email)]
- **(New Federal Office and Resources) HHS, Climate Change and Health Equity, and Environmental Justice at HHS (released 8/2023)**- *In late July, HHS launched the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE). In addition to a webpage about the office, the office has posted information about climate change and health equity as well as environmental justice.* [Retrieved from: <https://www.hhs.gov/climate-change-health-equity-environmental-justice/index.html>]

### **Medicaid/CMS-**

- **(Colorado-Mentioned News Release) Center for Health Care Strategies, Six Medicaid Directors Selected for the 2024 Class of the Medicaid Leadership Institute (8/3/23)**- *This news release announces the six Medicaid directors, including Colorado's, selected to participate in the Medicaid Leadership Institute.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.chcs.org/news/six-medicaid-directors-selected-for-2024-class-of-the-medicaid-leadership-institute/?utm\\_source=CHCS+Email+Updates&utm\\_campaign=0be161bd4e-CHCS-Monthly-News\\_August\\_8%2F31%2F23&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0be161bd4e-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://www.chcs.org/news/six-medicaid-directors-selected-for-2024-class-of-the-medicaid-leadership-institute/?utm_source=CHCS+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=0be161bd4e-CHCS-Monthly-News_August_8%2F31%2F23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0be161bd4e-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)]
- **(Colorado-Mentioned Article) Stateline, Despite federal warnings, red and blue states aggressively cull Medicaid rolls (8/25/23)**- *This news article summarizes impacts of states' COVID-19 public health emergency unwinding efforts in their Medicaid programs, along with subsequent federal directives to states.* [Retrieved from: <https://stateline.org/2023/08/25/despite-federal-warnings-red-and-blue-states-aggressively-cull-medicaid-rolls/?emci=eb6342c7-8342-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&emdi=ccf8ef83-5d43-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&ceid=40346>]
- **(Policy Article with States Highlighted) Roll Call, Families, states chart path forward on paid caregiving (8/21/23)**- *This policy piece highlights two states' efforts to enhance waiver services following the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.* [Retrieved from: [https://rollcall.com/2023/08/21/families-states-chart-path-forward-on-paid-caregiving/?utm\\_source=morningheadlines&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletters&utm\\_content=08/22/2023](https://rollcall.com/2023/08/21/families-states-chart-path-forward-on-paid-caregiving/?utm_source=morningheadlines&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletters&utm_content=08/22/2023)]
- **(State Program Highlight) Stateline, How Washington state is treating housing as health care (8/21/23)**- *This story spotlights a program based in Washington that pays for housing subsidies, tenant services, and more through the state's Medicaid program.* [Retrieved from: <https://stateline.org/2023/08/21/how-washington-state-is-treating-housing-as-health-care/>]

### **Public Health/Other Health News-**

- **(Interactive Tool) Mathematica, ClimaWATCH: An Interactive Tool for Climate Vulnerability Assessments (released 8/2023)**- *Mathematica recently launched a new interactive tool, Climate and Weather Analytics, Trends, and Community Health (ClimaWATCH), exploring how heatwaves affect health care use and spending.* [Retrieved from: [https://www.mathematica.org/dataviz/climawatch?utm\\_source=acoustic&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_content=ClimaWatch%20Tool%20081523%20\(1\)&SourceId=acoustic\\_ClimaWatch%20Tool%20081523%20\(1\)](https://www.mathematica.org/dataviz/climawatch?utm_source=acoustic&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=&utm_content=ClimaWatch%20Tool%20081523%20(1)&SourceId=acoustic_ClimaWatch%20Tool%20081523%20(1))]
- **(Public Health Messaging) Governing, Public Health Enters the Era of Infodemiology (8/23/23)**- *This article summarizes efforts of the National Academic of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to address and manage the public health "infodemic" (a.k.a., increases in misinformation).* [Retrieved from: <https://www.governing.com/health/public-health-enters-the-era-of-infodemiology>]
- **(Task Force Resource) Health Care Transformation Task Force, The Task Force Releases Building Better Benchmarks: Principles for Sustainable Benchmarking in Value-Based Care (8/1/23)**- *This announcement showcases the Health Care Transformation Task Force and its recently released resource, Building Better Benchmarks: Principles for Sustainable Benchmarking in Value-Based Care. Stakeholders can utilize the resource in their development of value-based care model benchmarks, further advancing value-based care and improvements in U.S. health care.* [Retrieved from: [https://hctf.org/the-task-force-releases-benchmarking-principles/?utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=269650095&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9otJDsEn4j9JeDpR6w7wpGihLeyKYFbMf5FHtQjEq7ySSyeWo9plPMtdtKp-l\\_9vs-F6UHE8TixbJbQNecjPCAZnG7X8eJE3pDaEVqQKFSg9RDCUkrVJCZ0OR0FZ3OInbMsoS6&utm\\_content=269650095&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://hctf.org/the-task-force-releases-benchmarking-principles/?utm_medium=email&hsmi=269650095&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9otJDsEn4j9JeDpR6w7wpGihLeyKYFbMf5FHtQjEq7ySSyeWo9plPMtdtKp-l_9vs-F6UHE8TixbJbQNecjPCAZnG7X8eJE3pDaEVqQKFSg9RDCUkrVJCZ0OR0FZ3OInbMsoS6&utm_content=269650095&utm_source=hs_email)]