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Mental Health Experts Weigh in on Health Care Reform

In health, states increasingly look to prevention and early intervention as ways to provide better health outcomes and to reduce health costs. Models of mental health care reform also are moving toward a complete behavioral health system with the goal of providing patients with early access to treatment.

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Diversifying the STEM Pipeline

While the face of America may be changing rapidly, the face of the STEM workforce in America isn't going anywhere fast. According to Change the Equation--a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition launched by 100 business leaders to improve STEM education--the vast majority of STEM workers in 2014 were either white or Asian men, but some states are taking steps to ensure a more diverse future for the STEM fields.

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The Export-Import Bank Sees New Life

The U.S. Export-Import Bank may receive a new breath of life after a small group of Republicans joined Democrats in filing a discharge petition Oct. 9 to force a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives that would renew the bank's charter. The Export-Import Bank is the official credit agency of the U.S. government. Acting as a lender of last resort, the bank aims to provide export credit, financing and loan guarantees to help American businesses export.

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EPA's Clean Power Plan and Interstate Trading Options

Released Aug. 3, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's final Clean Power Plan, designed under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants by 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. This free CSG eCademy webcast will feature experts who will discuss state emissions trading options under the Clean Power Plan as well as federal plans for states that fail to submit a satisfactory state plan that embraces trading.

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One in Two of Uninsured Missing Out on Financial Assistance

The Kaiser Family Foundation released a report last week with state-by-state estimates of the uninsured. Nationally, 32.3 million non-elderly persons are uninsured, but one-half

BOS 2015: Should Ballot "Selfies" Be Banned Inside the Voting Booth?

Voters who want to share a selfie with their marked ballot on Election Day need to think twice. Many states make it a crime to take photos or videos in the voting booth, and at

of those are missing out on Medicaid or CHIP eligibility in their state or on the tax subsidies available under the ACA for purchase of a health insurance plan through a state or the federal exchange.

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least one state has adopted strict new penalties for sharing your ballot selfie via social media. In an era where more and more voters have smartphones, states are grappling with just how smart it is to ban ballot selfies.

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What Else Might the Court Take?

With at least 20 cases more to accept between now and the end of January, what issues of interest to states is the Supreme Court likely to agree to hear in the near future? Lisa Soronen of the State and Local Legal Center examines a number of cases that soon may be heard by the nation's highest court—from abortion to cell phone data, and from birth control mandates to solitary confinement—and the implication of these cases for the states.

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CSG Justice Center Releases Report on Mental Health & Pretrial Justice

The CSG Justice Center recently released *Responding to People with Mental Illnesses at the Pretrial Stage: Essential Elements*, a project informed by a national expert advisory group of policymakers, practitioners and researchers and supported by the Public Welfare Foundation. Pretrial programs from around the country participated in workshops on local application of the elements at the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies' Annual Conference in Indianapolis in August.

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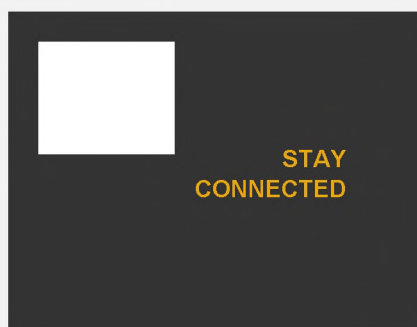
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