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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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### Leading The News

## HHS Unveils Initiative To Increase Mental Health Professionals And Substance Abuse Counselors Across US.

[Healthcare IT News](#) (9/23, Monegain) reported the Department of Health and Human Services unveiled the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training program, which will award \$44.5 million in grants for training programs across the US with the aim of "increasing the number of mental health" professionals "and substance abuse counselors." The grants will be awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

### Psychiatric News Alert



[Depression in Early Pregnancy Linked to Gestational Diabetes, Postpartum Depression](#)

[Review Reveals Complex Association Between Hypnotic Medications and Suicidality](#)

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### Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

## Acetaminophen Taken During Pregnancy May Increase Risk For Asthma, AD/HD In Children, Studies Indicate.

The [New York Times](#) (9/24, SR5, Velasquez-Manoff, Subscription Publication) reported that "when taken during pregnancy, acetaminophen may increase the risk that children will develop asthma or" even attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD). For example, [research](#) recently published "in the International Journal of Epidemiology found that prenatal acetaminophen use increased seven-year-olds' risk of asthma by 13 percent." Moreover, a JAMA Pediatrics [study](#) "noted that a mother's use of the pain reliever in midpregnancy increased seven-year-olds' risk of hyperactivity by 31 percent."

## Evidence-Based Research On Stress-Related Illnesses May Effectively Reveal How Early

## Experiences Last In The Body And Affect Later Learning, Behavior, And Mental Health.

[Healio](#) (9/23, Sherrer) reported, "Evidence-based research on stress-related illnesses may effectively reveal how early experiences last in the body and later affect learning, behavior and mental health," researchers concluded after examining data from several large studies. The [findings](#) were published online Aug. 22 in a special communication in JAMA Pediatrics.

### Government and Psychiatry

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#### Arkansas Lawmakers Vote To Limit Medicaid Recipients' Mental-Health Benefit.

The [Arkansas Democrat Gazette](#) (9/24, Fanney) reported that on Friday, Arkansas' Legislative Council "gave final approval to a limit on a mental-health benefit for Medicaid recipients, but not everyone at the meeting knew what they were voting on." The article explained that this change means reimbursement for group psychotherapy will be limited "to one hour a day, instead of an hour and a half a day." In addition, it limits the number of hour-long sessions to 25 per person annually, although physicians can request exceptions.

The [Fort Smith \(AR\) Times Record](#) (9/24, Lyon) reported that the change was approved without discussion. Critics of the plan allege it "was driven by budgetary considerations without consideration of the impact on patients, who would be likely to experience rapid deterioration and increased hospitalizations, incarcerations, and homelessness," but state officials

disagreed.

### Psychiatry and Public Health

#### Officials Responding To Calls For Improvements To Minnesota's Mental Healthcare System.

The [AP](#) (9/26, Boese) reports patients who have experienced issues with mental healthcare in Minnesota are urging reform of the system. The article says last year, state lawmakers "approved a record \$46 million in new funding to support mental health initiatives," including "new programs co-sponsored by Sen. Carla Nelson, R-Rochester, with her Excellence in Mental Health bill." In addition, Gov. Mark Dayton "appointed a Mental Health Task Force this spring in hopes of creating a comprehensive program that takes advantage of the state's strong health care network."

### Other News

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#### Many People Seeking Medication Treatment For Drug Addiction Denied Coverage By Insurers.

In a 2,900-word article, [USA Today](#) (9/25, DeMio and O'Donnell) reports many people seeking medication treatment for their addiction to drugs have been denied insurance coverage. Many physicians who treat people addicted to drugs are frustrated with insurance barriers designed to prevent drug abuse, but which can also thwart patients seeking treatment. The article shares several stories of individual patients struggling with insurers to gain access to the medication treatment prescribed to them.

**Some Critical Of Efforts To Revive People Who Have Overdosed On Opioids.** The [AP](#) (9/25, Sewell) reports that some people have criticized certain efforts to aid people who have overdosed on opioids by suggesting that the efforts are only enabling drug addiction and putting others at risk. The article reports that some have criticized first responders for using naloxone to revive people who then resume using

opioids without legal consequence, while others have voiced concerns about the resources being devoted to people struggling with opioid addiction.

### Friday's Lead Stories

- [Many Parents Of Children With Autism Are Resorting To Alternative Treatments.](#)
- [Individuals With Depression Who Were In Higher Occupational Levels Had Poorer Treatment Response, Higher Rates Of Treatment-Resistant Depression, Study Suggests.](#)
- [CMS, State Medicaid Directors Working On Guidelines For Network Adequacy.](#)

- [Receiving Care From An Integrated Behavioral Health Home May Improve Outcomes Among Individuals With Serious Mental Illness.](#)
- [Harmful Effects Of Heavy Drinking May Impact Key Brain Functions, Small Study Suggests.](#)

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