

Mark's articles:

1. **AHRQ Stats: Largest Declines in Life Expectancy**

AHRQ News Now; 2/6/24

Between 2019 and 2021, the average life expectancy for non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaska Native people declined by 9.2 percent, the most among any group. Average life expectancy declined by 5.3 percent for Black people, 5.1 percent for Hispanic people, 3 percent for White people, and 2.5 percent for Asian people. (Source: 2023 AHRQ National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report.)

2. **Arizona legislators call for more transparency, improved safety in assisted living**

McKnight's Senior Living, by Kimberly Bonvissuto; 1/30/24

Arizona has joined a growing list of states where governments are calling for more transparency from assisted living communities through legislation following local media reports questioning resident safety in the setting.

3. **Congress' failure to address violence against health care workers**

Health Affairs, by Eli Y. Adashi, Daniel P. O'Mahony, I. Glenn Cohen; 2/2/24

According to federal government statistics, the "health care and social service industries experience the highest rates of injuries caused by workplace violence and are 5 times as likely to suffer a workplace violence injury than workers overall." Health care workplace violence has been a persistent and growing concern for more than a decade.

Chris' articles:



4. **Medicare threatens to pull funding from HCA's embattled Mission Hospital**

STAT, by Tara Bannow; 2/6/24

Five years after investor-owned HCA Healthcare took over an esteemed nonprofit hospital in North Carolina, Medicare is threatening to cut off payment for any services it provides seniors. The rare and dramatic move follows a Medicare revelation that patient safety is in "immediate jeopardy" at Mission Hospital in Asheville. That designation is the most severe the agency can hand out. HCA has just a few weeks to fix the problems or lose its Medicare funding.

5. **Assisted Living Report Card allows consumers to compare communities based on reviews, inspections**

McKnight's Senior Living, by Kimberly Bonvissuto; 1/30/24

A new Assisted Living Report Card launched Monday in Minnesota, allowing consumers to compare assisted living communities based on resident and family reviews, along with state inspection ratings. In 2019, the state legislature provided funding to develop the report card and contracted with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health to complete a national review of quality measurements in assisted living.

6. **Humana eyes \$700M cuts amid \$541M loss**

Modern Healthcare, by Nona Tepper; 1/25/24

Humana plans to trim \$700 million in administrative expenses after recording a disappointing fourth quarter and 2023, the company announced Thursday. The health insurer warned investors last week that medical costs exceeded expectations in 2023. On Thursday, the company disclosed that expenses were \$3 billion more than anticipated. Quarterly and annual earnings didn't meet projections amid rising costs and disadvantageous Medicare Advantage policies.