



## HEALTH CARE HEADLINES 2021



### The Affordable Care Act is the law of the land.

Time to breathe a sigh of relief. The Affordable Care Act is not perfect, and it's not our idea of health care for everybody. We're glad to see it upheld, and we're working harder than ever to keep progressing toward a country where everyone is healthy, everyone gets care, and nobody is left out. Read about the [ACA decision here](#), and check out our [press release here](#).



### What happens when private equity messes with your health care?

"Hospitals in the U.S. are estimated to be closing at a rate of about thirty a year.

Most closures happen for financial reasons, in places where there are relatively few privately insured patients. Increasingly, hospitals are regarded as businesses like any other: at least a fifth of hospitals are now run for profit, and, globally, private-equity investment in health care has tripled since 2015; last year, some sixty-six billion dollars was spent on acquisitions. The industry's movement into health care has been linked to price hikes, an increase in unnecessary procedures, and the destabilization of health-care networks." [Read the full article from The New Yorker, here](#).

### A conversation with Leah Ralls on racism in Connecticut.

Leah Ralls is in her third term as president for the NAACP Windham/Willimantic branch. She spoke with us about the work she does and what pushes her to keep at it. [Read the conversation here](#).



### LAST CALL to reserve a spot for our conversation with public health powerhouses Liany Elba Arroyo and Jennifer Muggeo.

June 30 at 1 pm, Universal Health Care Foundation of CT president

Frances G. Padilla will host Beyond COVID: Connecting Communities, Health, and Care's second installment on public health. She, Jennifer, and Liany will delve into the ways robust public health systems make our communities stronger, and how COVID exposed their importance, their follies, and what they can do better. Do not miss it! [Reserve a place here](#).

As always, [tell us what you'd like to hear more about](#) so you can see the latest on all the issues you care about.

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