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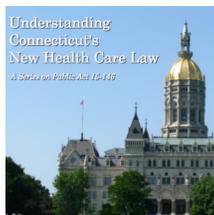
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Something in the Water... #SDOH



Pregnant women and children who drank the city's water from April 2014 to October 2015 were exposed to lead. Flint's water crisis has made national news and is a hot topic on many social media platforms (follow #FlintWaterCrisis). Pouring over articles and videos throughout the day took me back to my public health background—this is a complete public/population/community health nightmare.

Why Consolidation in the Hospital and Insurance Industries is Hurting us



Like huge sumo wrestlers circling each other, the insurance industry and the hospital industry are each fighting to protect their plans to consolidate, while combating the merger efforts of their opponent.

The First Phase of Health Care Cost Transparency in CT



Cost transparency in health care was one of the issues addressed in Connecticut's new health care law passed last year. What does this even mean?

Achieving Transformational Change: What can Connecticut Learn from Other States?



If "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," then hopefully states like Maryland, Vermont, Rhode Island and Oregon will soon feel very flattered by Connecticut.

Editorial: Connecticut lawmakers should continue fight to end facility fees



The fees charged by hospitals have long been shrouded in mystery, but as the cost of health care escalates and large health systems buy and control multiple hospitals and physician practices, the facility fees they charge are under intense scrutiny.

Key Quote:

"It took no less than five phone calls, and I still never got to the end of the thing."

- Lisa Freeman, Executive Director, Connecticut Center for Patient Safety

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