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CHI Research Analyst Nina Roumell breaks down a few interesting figures for SEPTEMBER 2015

IN COLORADO

In case you missed the historic news, Colorado's uninsured rate is now

6.7%

according to the Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS). In 2013, the uninsured rate was 14.3. Medicaid expansion and health reform were the main factors driving down the rate. Take note, this is a big deal.

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Between 15 and 30 minutes

The time it takes Dispatch Health, a new Denver company providing house calls, to get to your doorstep to treat anything from earaches to eczema, migraines to meningitis. Dispatch Health is betting that old-fashioned house calls will appeal to people who don't love urgent care or emergency department waiting lines. Give them a ring if you live in the metro Denver area.

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1st and 2nd

Miss Colorado Kelley Johnson, a nurse, was the first contestant on Miss America to rock purple scrubs and a heartfelt monologue during the talent portion of the competition. She won second runner-up. #proudofher

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The number of therapy dogs at Craig Hospital, a rehabilitation center for patients with spinal cord injuries. One of the beloved dogs, Sage, suffered from a spinal injury himself but has recently returned to work. He now has an even stronger bond with the patients. #mansbestfriend



The number of private yoga sessions that cardiac and cancer patients receive at Yampa Valley Medical Center's Integrated Health. This is not your standard hot yoga with weights. Instead, it's a more relaxed session designed to help patients reconnect with their bodies.

NATIONAL

48 million

The number of people affected by foodborne illnesses annually, according to a report from the American Association for Justice. The group advocates for eating local.

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Half

The percentage of Americans that have diabetes or pre-diabetes, according to a paper published in The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). Let me tell you why experts are calling this good news. It means the growth rate of diabetes is finally starting to plateau.

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