

Noteworthy #s

CHI Research Analyst
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a few interesting figures for
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IN COLORADO

\$19,000

The amount of money a trip on I-70 from the mountains to Denver could save you on a joint replacement surgery, according to a new analysis of Medicare data. It's no secret that hospitals charge differently for the same procedure, but a new analysis shows just how much variation there can be in hospitals not that far from each other. So, a joint replacement surgery in Denver may be \$19,000 less than it costs in a hospital in the mountains. Is it worth the traffic?

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Between six percent and 36 percent



The range of the probability of being uninsured in Colorado depending on your ZIP code, according to a new Colorado Health Institute analysis. Where you live matters. Want to increase your chances of having health insurance? Move to Douglas County.

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21st



Colorado's ranking in a child well-being list from the Annie E. Casey Foundation's annual Kids Count. That's an improvement from 22nd in 2014. One small step for kids, one giant leap for Colorado's future.

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1/2

The amount of her liver a Colorado teen donated to her older sister to save her life. #Sisterlylove

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120

The number of children seeking hormone blockers at Children's Hospital in order to transition to their preferred gender. Elsa, a transgender girl, or as her family says, true-gender, may soon receive the hormone therapy. She's named after the Disney princess from the movie Frozen - who guarded a dark secret and then "Let It Go."

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NATIONAL

\$300 Billion

The amount of money businesses lose due to health bills and lost productivity because of stress. Employers are turning over a new leaf — trashing the stress balls and investing in mind/body wellness programs.

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The number of federal regulations or industry-wide quality measures addressing cell phone use in the operating room (OR). Turns out some surgeons may actually be using their phone to text a friend or check Facebook rather than looking up health data. A number of physician and medical groups are calling for clear rules on cell phones.

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