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IDEAS IN MOTION



**Screening for
health-related social needs is one thing.**

**Helping people
problem-solve successfully is quite another.**

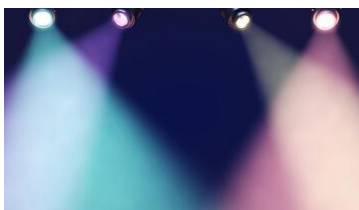
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DIGITAL DIGEST SPOTLIGHT



Designed for teams committed to human-centered social care, MLPB's ***Digital Digest*** distills key law and policy updates across many domains of health-related social need that impact individuals, families, and communities.

A new internet discount program opens on December 31, 2021!

- Under the new [**Affordable Connectivity Program**](#) (ACP), eligible customers can receive \$30 off their monthly internet bill. The ACP replaces the current Emergency Broadband Benefit program and its broader eligibility guidelines mean that more households can maximize their income!

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ON OUR MIND



Discrimination & Health

- [Massachusetts Lawmakers Must Protect The Rights Of LGBTQ And Other Parents](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Dec. 2, 2021)
- [U.S. Sues Uber, Saying It Discriminated Against People With Disabilities](#) (*The New York Times*, Nov. 10, 2021)
- [Discrimination Of Any Kind Can Lead To Much Higher Risk Of Mental And Behavioral Issues For Young People, Study Finds](#) (*CNN*, Nov. 8, 2021)

Disparities, Inequity & Care (Re)Design

- [Promoting Health Equity By Paying For Social Care](#) (*JAMA Health Forum*, Dec. 16, 2021)
- [Value in Medicaid, Part 2: Challenges Concerning Health-Related Social Needs](#) (*Health Affairs*, Dec. 16, 2021)
- [ACO and Social Service Organization Partnerships: Payment, Challenges, and Perspectives](#) (*NEJM Catalyst Innovations in Care Delivery*, Dec. 15, 2021) *subscription required*
- [Addressing Social Determinants of Health Requires Stronger Public-Private Alliances](#) (*NEJM Catalyst Innovations in Care Delivery*, Dec. 15, 2021) *subscription required*
- [Collective Action and the Social Determinants of Health](#) (*The Milbank Quarterly*, Nov. 3, 2021)

Employment, Income Supports & Health

- [Social Security Offices have Been Closed For Most Of The Pandemic. That Effort To Protect Public Health Has Wounded Some Of The Neediest Americans](#) (*The Washington Post*, Dec. 18, 2021)

Housing & Health

- [Los Angeles's Anger At Its Homeless Is What's Driving Karen Bass To Run For Mayor](#) (*The Washington Post*, Dec. 18, 2021)
- [A Refugee Crisis Runs Into A Housing Crisis](#) (*The New York Times*, Dec. 15, 2021)
- [How Tech Is Helping Poor People Get Government Aid](#) (*The New York Times*, Dec. 8, 2021)
- [Mayor Wu Drafts Immediate Plan To Move People From Mass. And Cass To New Housing](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Dec. 3, 2021)
- [Stable Housing Is A Key Tool For Economic Stability](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Nov. 17, 2021)
- [Evictions Rising Even As Rental Help From Congress Reaches Millions Of People](#) (*NPR*, Nov. 11, 2021)

Transportation & Health

- [On First Full Day As Mayor, Michelle Wu Asks City Council For \\$8 Millions To Make Three Bus Lines Free For Two Years](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Nov. 17, 2021)

Utility Needs & Water

- [Tribes Hope Infrastructure Law Means They'll Finally Get Clean Drinking Water](#) (*NPR*, Nov. 15, 2021)

- [Judge Approves Over \\$600 Million Settlement In Flint Water Crisis, With Children Set To Benefit](#) (*The Washington Post*, Nov. 11, 2021)

Care planning, delivery and financing should systematically account for people's legal rights, risks and remedies. And care teams should be empowered as strengths-based, role-aligned partners in problem-solving.

MLPB equips communities of care with legal education and problem-solving insight that fosters prevention, health equity and human-centered system change. Through training, consultation and technical assistance, we help teams and organizations better connect people to the resources and legal protections they seek.

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