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WMMT Issues/Programs lists (as required by 73.3526(e)(11)(i), 73.3527(e)(8)) (retain until final action taken on the station's next license renewal application). These are quarterly lists prepared by stations of programs they aired during the preceding quarter that provided the stations' most significant treatment of community issues.

- **2023, Quarter 3**

1. Health for A Day: Impact of Discrimination on Health Outcomes; July 20, 2023; 26 minutes; 6:00PM; WMMT aired audio footage from this event hosted by Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and a panel of health experts— The phrase, “It runs in the family,” is not uncommon to hear when discussing health issues. While true in some cases, for others there are different factors at play. Getting to the root cause of health problems and how to best treat them requires looking at more than family history and lifestyle behaviors. Dealing with things such as discrimination, trauma, poor living conditions, and food insecurity can lead to toxic stress. And the body's reaction to continued toxic stress can lead to a great number of health issues. Furthermore, some patients get different care based on their race or ethnicity due to unconscious biases. (Aired as a part of WMMT's Mountain Talk program).
2. Knott County, One Year Later; July 27, 2023; 33 minutes; 6:00PM; July 27th & 28th marked the one-year anniversary of last year's catastrophic flooding in East Kentucky. One year on, in this report from our weekly series, Mountain Talk, WMMT heads to Knott County, to meet three different households who all lost their homes in the flood— to hear about what this past year has been like, where they've ended up, and what their hopes are for the future. This story was reported and produced by Parker Hobson, with contributing reporting by Katie Myers, through a collaboration with Grist magazine.
3. Black Lung Town Hall; August 10, 2023; 57 minutes; 6:00PM; On Monday, July 24, the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, a non-profit law firm based in Whitesburg, hosted a Black Lung Town Hall in Whitesburg, where they invited miners and their families to hear from doctors and experts about the current state of the black lung epidemic here in Appalachia. WMMT attended and aired footage from the event, featuring speakers like Dr. Brandon Crum, a local radiologist and a longtime expert in black lung disease; and two representatives from the National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH): Chris Parker, the Field and Outreach Coordinator for NIOSH's Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program, and Dr. Noemi Hall, a Research Epidemiologist in the Respiratory Health Division of the NIOSH Institute of Occupational Safety & Health in Morgantown, WV.
4. Kentucky Medicaid Q & A; September 14, 2023; 59 minutes; 6:00PM; WMMT brings forward a conversation with two Kentucky Medicaid experts to break down the latest changes to the program, and what people here in East Kentucky need to know. We sit down with Cara Stewart

and Priscilla Easterling, both of the organization Kentucky Voices for Health, and they walk us through what's going on with Medicaid re-enrollment, and Medicaid coverage of dental, vision, & hearing services.

5. MSHA's New Silica Dust Rule Proposal; October 5, 2023; 58 minutes; 6:00PM; Earlier in summer 2023, the Biden Administration's Mine Health and Safety Administration (MSHA), finally proposed a new set of rules around silica exposure in coal mines. In this episode of Mountain Talk, we welcome two special guests to the WMMT studio to talk about the proposed rules, how they might work if they are adopted as-is, and, perhaps most importantly, how *well* they might work. Host Parker Hobson speaks with Courtney Rhoades Mullins, Black Lung Organizer at the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center in Whitesburg, Ky., and William J. McCool, a retired coal miner from Letcher County, who has some 40 years' experience in the mines.