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Exciting News from Group Health Carriers COA in Conversations with Sure Scripts as to How to Apply to Workers' Comp



Health Data Management

AHIP, insurers to test IT to speed prior authorization process

With prior authorization posing a significant pain point for providers, several health insurers and the organization representing them are starting an initiative to improve the process. The approach will lean on information exchange technology to accelerate the often-ponderous process by which providers obtain permission and payment guarantees for prescribing care to patients. [READ MORE](#)

Orthopedic practice recapitalizations: Critical legal issues



FOLEY

With the pace of orthopedic medical practice recapitalizations showing no signs of slowing, it is appropriate to review certain of the most critical legal issues that any buyer considering a transaction must take into account. Failure to account for these issues may not only subject the practice to regulatory liability, but the fines, penalties, and damages resulting from those liabilities have the potential to cause significant loss to the buying entity. [READ MORE](#)

Five benefit trends from 2019 that we'll continue to see in 2020



Milliman

In today's historically competitive labor market, offering the right benefits has become an important strategy for employers trying to attract and retain top talent. This is especially true as costs for healthcare, childcare, and other necessary goods and services continue to rise while salary budgets remain relatively tight. [READ MORE](#)

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Reports highlighted in this edition:

[Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement](#)

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10 topics physicians can discuss with patients for a healthy 2020



Medical Economics

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