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[Doctors get the greenlight to be independent contractors under AB 5 — but what about other healthcare professionals](#)



WorkWise Law

On Sept. 18, 2019, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 5 (AB5") which codifies, clarifies and grants exemption to the state Supreme Court's 2018 decision in Dynamite Operations West, Inc. v. Superior Court (2018) 4 Cal.5th 903 ("dynamex"). Both AB5 and Dynamex make it harder for companies to classify workers as independent contractors. [READ MORE](#)

[New law requires sexual harassment prevention training for all employees](#)



CMA

There is an important Compliance Alert that requires your attention.

Effective, January 1, 2019, a new law requires California employers with 5 or more employees to provide at least one hour of sexual harassment and abusive conduct prevention training to all non-supervisory employees and two hours of training to California supervisors (and to any out-of-state supervisors for California employees). All must be trained in the 2019 calendar year, before January 1, 2020. For more information and to help address the new harassment training requirements, please [CLICK HERE](#).

[Are you seeing a reduction in reimbursement for radiology services? This could be why ...](#)



Advisory Board

On January 1, 2018, CMS will begin assessing a penalty of 7% on technical reimbursement for X-ray exams conducted on computed radiography (CR) equipment—and in 2023, the penalty will rise to 10%. This is a significant revenue impact that requires a strategic response from imaging departments, outpatient imaging centers, and imaging equipment vendors. Click here for [additional information](#).

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April 16-19, 2020
Terranea Resort, Rancho Palos Verde, CA

ACA update: More insurers buy in, premiums expected to fall



Medical Economics

The outlook on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is looking up according to an October 22 news release from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). An additional 20 insurers are expected to participate in the Federal Health Insurance Exchange platform for the 2020 coverage year, the release said. In addition, costs for the silver plan for a 27-year-old are expected to drop 4 percent for the 2020 coverage year. [READ MORE](#)

Novel over-the-counter device may offer long-lasting pain relief



Medscape

A novel, noninvasive, over-the-counter electromagnetic neuromodulation device (ActiPatch, BioElectronics Corp.) appears to deliver long-lasting relief in chronic pain patients. However, at least one pain expert has concerns about the study methodology and interpretation of the results. [READ MORE](#)

California governor signs new telehealth insurance law



FOLEY

On October 11, 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a new law requiring commercial health insurance coverage and payment parity for telehealth services. The law will benefit patients by increasing access and availability to healthcare services, and catalyze the growth of telehealth technologies throughout California. [READ MORE](#)

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