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How To Talk To Employees About COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements: HIPAA, Religious Exemptions and More

Medical Group Management Association

As COVID-19 vaccination and/or testing requirements for healthcare workers expand, medical practice leaders face the tall tasks of handling communications, education and compliance. The threat of losing workers who oppose getting vaccinated complicates an already difficult labor situation that finds staffing is the biggest pandemic challenge for practices heading into 2022.

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Now Available: White Paper about CMS Innovation Center Strategy

CMS

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMS Innovation Center) is pleased to release a white paper detailing the vision for the Center over the next 10 years titled, "[Driving Health System Transformation – A Strategy for the CMS Innovation Center's Second Decade.](#)"

The goal of this bold, new strategy is to achieve equitable outcomes through high-quality, affordable, person-centered care, carried out through five strategic objectives: Drive Accountable Care, Advance Health Equity, Support Innovation, Address Affordability, and Partner to Achieve System Transformation. These strategic objectives will guide the CMS Innovation Center's models and priorities, and progress for each objective will be measured periodically to assess the CMS Innovation Center's work and impact.

For additional information about the strategy, visit: <https://innovation.cms.gov/strategic-direction>.

Additionally, we hope you will join CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure and CMS Innovation Center Director Liz Fowler for a webinar about the CMS Innovation Center's strategic direction today, October 20, at 1:00 p.m. EDT. [Register here.](#)

Action Alert: Stop the Threat of Government Price-Setting

AAOS

In late 2020, Congress passed the No Surprises Act which aimed to fix the problem of unanticipated medical bills and, for the first time at the national level, remove patients from the middle of out-of-network billing disputes. The newly passed law establishes an independent dispute resolution (IDR) process that permits batching of claims and includes no monetary threshold to access IDR.

AAOS and other physician groups advocated for these provisions, along with language that requires the arbiter to equally consider a range of factors with the insurers' median in-network rate when adjudicating a dispute; including, but not limited to the complexity of services, market share, level of training, experience, and quality and outcome measurements, demonstrations of previous efforts to enter into network agreements and previously contracted rates.

In its attempt to implement the law and IDR process, the Administration crafted rules that disregard congressional intent and are inconsistent with the carefully negotiated statutory language. Even worse, they give priority to the insurer-formulated median in-network rate over all other factors which may lead to sweeping reductions in both out-of-network and in-network reimbursement over time.

Please join AAOS in demanding that the Administration correctly implement the No Surprises Act. Ask your representatives to sign onto the congressional letter being led by U.S. Representatives Tom Suozzi (D-NY) and Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) before the Oct. 29 deadline.

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