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Legislative Win for COA

COA-Sponsored Legislation Passes – Governor Signs Into Law
AB 356 (Chen) – Fluoroscopy – Temporary Permit

No longer will surgeons moving to California be delayed in getting into practice as they apply and wait to take the California state-mandated fluoroscopy certification test. Getting scheduled for this test can take 6 months since it is a very manual process, during which time, the surgeon is prevented from using fluoroscopy in their surgeries.

AB 356 sponsored by the California Orthopaedic Association and the California Podiatric Medical Association authorizes a licensed physician and surgeon or doctor of podiatric medicine who has used fluoroscopy in another state to receive a one-time 12-month temporary permit authorizing them to operate or supervise the operation of fluoroscopic x-ray equipment while they wait to take the fluoroscopy certification test. The California Radiological Society also supported the bill.

COA had sought a solution to this issue for the last several years as we had continually received complaints from orthopaedic groups who were adding new surgeons to their group. This bill helps all orthopaedic surgeons coming to California regardless of their practice setting. The bill struck the right balance. Allowing surgeons to utilize fluoroscopy, but still maintaining radiation safety for patients.

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NPPEs: Add Digital Contact Information

Or be publicly reported by the end of this year. In the May 2020 [CMS Interoperability and Patient Access final rule](#), CMS finalized the policy to publicly report the names and National Provider Identifiers of providers who don't have digital contact information included in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPEs).

Enter your digital contact information, or Endpoints, in NPPEs now. Provider organizations can upload new or updated data elements for their providers in bulk through the NPPEs Electronic File Interchange (EFI) process. Endpoints allow health care providers to send authenticated, encrypted health information directly to trusted recipients securely over the internet. CMS plans to publicly report providers missing digital contact information by the end of this year.

More Information:

- [EFI process](#)
- [How to enter Endpoint information in NPPEs](#)
- [How to update Endpoints in NPPEs](#) (begins on slide 29)
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