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# COA Report

California Orthopaedic Association

November 12, 2021



How Clinical Collaboration Improves Efficiency & Care  
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE — CALENDAR THIS WEBINAR



### New Blue Shield Shared Savings Program for Surgeons Performing Total Joint and Spine Procedures

Do not miss this webinar to learn about new contracting opportunities with Blue Shield.

Leaders of the California Orthopaedic Association have worked with Blue Shield of California to develop a new Episodes of Care Shared Savings Program for orthopaedic surgeons as of January 1, 2022. The program will cover knee replacement and revision, knee arthroscopy, hip replacement and revision, lumbar spine fusion, and lumbar laminectomy. To qualify for the program, you must be in the Blue Shield network and perform at least 15 procedures annually of any of the procedures listed above for a Blue Shield patient. Each surgeon/medical group will be compared to their own cost data based on their costs in 2019. The targeted cost data will not be reset during the contract.

Blue Shield incorporated many contract terms and options recommended by COA to make this a valuable five-year long-term program for our members. No race to the bottom as seen in many other bundled payment programs.

This is an opportunity for surgeons to talk directly with Blue Shield leaders and to work collaboratively with them to better manage the care of their patients, maintain quality of care for patients, and to share in the resultant savings for all services in the episode of care. Even if you are part of a Foundation model, Blue Shield is committed to trying to work out arrangements, so that the surgeon benefits from the shared savings. We understand that the surgeon is the critical element to the success of this program.

Attend this complimentary, no obligation webinar to learn the details of the program, ask questions, and determine whether your group qualifies to participate.

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

To join the Zoom webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81817917356>

Meeting ID: 818 1791 7356

Call into webinar: 1-669-900-6833

No pre-registration is required – just join the webinar at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 18th.

This is the first time in California that a major health insurer has worked with a state association to put in place a meaningful shared-savings program that rewards surgeons for better managing their patients. We encourage you to attend this webinar to learn how this program benefits your practice.

If you have questions, call the COA office – 916-454-9884.

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## NEW COA MEMBER BENEFIT

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### VERADIGM STAND-ALONE ePRESCRIBING PLATFORM

As of January 1, 2022 two things will change in prescribing medications:

1. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) is requiring that Part D prescriptions for Medicare patients for controlled substances must be submitted electronically.
2. California is mandating that all prescriptions be submitted electronically.

To assist COA members in complying with these requirements, COA has partnered with Veradigm (a business unit of Allscripts) to offer its members access to a stand-alone application for e-prescribing. A stand-alone option allows physicians to e-prescribe even though they do not have an EHR system in their practice.

Veradigm ePrescribe is fully compliant with all California and federal mandates and has the following capabilities:

- Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS)
- Connectivity to CURES - California's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA) within the ePrescribing workflow
- Ability to access patient-specific drug price information at the point of care via Veradigm RxTruePrice



Veradigm is offering COA members a 15% discount on their e-prescribing app.

- \$29 per health care provider per month with ads
- \$33 per health care provider per month without ads.

For more information, [listen to the video presented at COA's 2021 Annual Meeting](#).

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[Click her to sign-up for the COA program.](#)

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## ACP/AAFP Clinical Guideline Updates

The American College of Physicians (ACP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recently revised their clinical Guidelines for Pain to recommend topical NSAIDs as first line therapy for the treatment of non-low back pain from musculoskeletal injuries in adults. Listen to Dr. Gudín share his insights for clinicians.

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## Private Employer Guide to OSHA's COVID-19 Vaccination & Testing Emergency Temporary Standards

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Here are the latest resources to help you navigate newly released vaccine guidelines and consider what workplace policies and programs fit best within your organization.

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## It Has Been 20 Years Since a Black Man Represented California in Congress

Los Angeles Times

Black women in California sounded the alarm recently that there could be zero Black women in the Senate once Kamala Harris became vice president. With Gov. Gavin Newsom appointing Alex Padilla to the vacant seat in January, that became the reality. But there's an even deeper absence in Congress, one that's in its third decade: It has been more than 20 years since a Black man represented California.

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