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# COA Report

California Orthopaedic Association

November 5, 2021



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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. 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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## CMS Drops 3 Final Payment Rules: 12 Things To Know

Becker's Hospital Review

CMS has released its annual payment updates for physicians and outpatient and home health services for 2022. Here are 12 takeaways from the trio of final rules published Nov. 2.

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## Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule

CMS  
On Nov. 2, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule that includes updates on policy changes for Medicare payments under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), and other Medicare Part B issues, on or after January 1, 2022. The calendar year (CY) 2022 PFS final rule is one of several rules that reflect a broader Administration-wide strategy to create a health care system that results in better accessibility, quality, affordability, empowerment, and innovation.

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## Biden's Vaccine Rules for 100 Million Workers Are Here. These Are the Details

NPR  
In early September, President Biden announced he was taking steps to get more Americans vaccinated and turn the tide on COVID-19. On Thursday, the administration rolled out two of those steps — two different vaccine rules covering more than 100 million workers. Here are the details: Deadline is Jan. 4: The first rule, issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, covers companies with 100 or more employees, applying to an estimated 84 million workers.

Companies must ensure that their workers are either fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Jan. 4 or that they test negative for COVID-19 at least once a week. The rule will take effect as soon as it's published in the Federal Register.

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## Are You Prepared for the Medi-Cal Rx Transition on Jan. 1?

California Medical Association

On Jan. 1, 2022, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will transition all Medi-Cal pharmacy services from managed care to fee-for-service (FFS). The Medi-Cal pharmacy benefits and services administered by DHCS in the FFS delivery system is collectively referred to as "Medi-Cal Rx." The goal of Medi-Cal Rx is to standardize the pharmacy benefit under one delivery system and improve access to pharmacy services with a network that includes a large majority of the state's pharmacies.

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## CEO of 2 California Hospitals Resigns

Becker's Hospital Review

The president and CEO of two Dignity Health hospitals in California has resigned, according to the *Pacific Coast Business Times*, citing an Oct. 28 statement from the San Francisco-based health system. Darren Lee resigned as the top executive at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard and St. John's Hospital in Camarillo. Mr. Lee served as CEO of the two hospitals for seven years and had been with Dignity Health for 20 years, according to the report.

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## Zimmer Biomet Recalls Surgical Robot

Becker's Spine Review

Zimmer Biomet has recalled its Rosa One 3.1 brain application because of a software error that could lead to the misplacement of instruments during neurosurgical procedures. Rosa One comprises a mounted touch screen and a robotic arm designed to assist neurosurgeons position medical instruments or implants during surgery. Examples of tools or instruments that can be attached to the robotic arm include endoscopes, biopsy needles, stimulation or recording electrodes.

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