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New COA Member Benefit



Telehealth Solution

Complimentary for COA Members

Force Therapeutics (forcetherapeutics.com) is offering all COA members complimentary usage of their digital care platform (telehealth, virtual prehab/rehab, 1,000+ videos/animation of education and prescribed exercises, remote patient check-ins, and more) to help address the urgent need for remote care tools.

Their IT and security docs are immediately available for review and they are committed to expediting all requests from COA members in an effort to help us manage our patients. Please reach out directly to sarah@forcetherapeutics.com to get started.

The offer will run for an indeterminate length of time, as our focus is to support all healthcare organizations during this time of need. After the complimentary period, we would work closely with each organization to scope out their specific needs and convert to a nominal paid contract.

COVID-19 Guidance

COVID-19 Questions and Answers



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Kim Stone, JD, COA Lobbyist – Stone Advocacy answers these questions about COVID-19:

- Has Governor Newsom expanded scope of practice?
- Since I am doing fewer elective surgeries, I want to help with COVID-19 response or other emergency response. What do I need to know?
- If I do volunteer to help, am I protected from a possible medical malpractice lawsuit?
- Can I use telemedicine to help my patients during this time?

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DWC issues emergency measures for medical-legal evaluations during Governor Newsom's stay-at-home order



State of California Department of Industrial Relations

In line with Governor's Newsom's stay-at home order in response to the COVID-19 crisis issued on March 19,

the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) encourages primary treating physicians to continue to manage injured workers' care through telehealth options whenever medically appropriate. Telehealth options include remote visits via video-conferencing, video-calling or similar such technology that allows each party to see each other via a video connection. These are viable alternatives to in-person physical examinations for medical-legal evaluations. [READ MORE](#)

CMS grants waiver to allow ER patients to go directly to SNF without hospital stay



CMS
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing blanket waivers consistent with those issued for past PHE declarations. These waivers prevent gaps in access to care for beneficiaries impacted by the emergency. [READ MORE](#)

APL 20-009 — Reimbursement for Telehealth Services



Department of Managed Health Care

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that people practice "social distancing." However, people also need to be able to continue to have access to necessary medical care. Accordingly, health plans must take steps to allow people to obtain health care via telehealth when medically appropriate to do so. [READ MORE](#)

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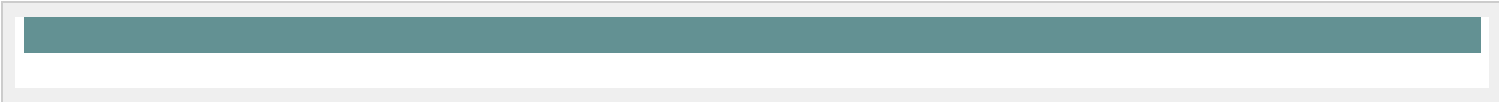
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