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California Orthopaedic Association

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## TOP NEWS

### Ask the Expert: Are Changes Coming Soon To Telehealth Payment Parity?

California Medical Association

With the State of California having recently lifted most of its COVID-19 restrictions, the California Medical Association (CMA) has begun to receive inquiries from physician practices asking if there are changes to telehealth payment parity coming soon, including whether the requirement to reimburse providers at in-office rates for telehealth services, including telephonic visits, may be ending.

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### OrthoEvidence Launches a New Dashboard — Adds New Features

OrthoEvidence

COA members can now access OrthoEvidence using an expanded dashboard with new features. [Read More](#) to learn about the new features. To sign-up for a COA account, go to: <https://myorthoEvidence.com/associationsignup/caLiOA25>

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## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

### Delta Variant Rising Fast In California, Experts Warn

San Francisco Chronicle

The highly infectious delta coronavirus variant is escalating in California, with cases more than doubling in the past month and tripling in one Bay Area county, according to genomic sequencing results reported by state and local public health departments.

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### Digital COVID Vaccine Portal Hits Snag

The San Diego Union-Tribune

When California officials unveiled a new system to provide digital covid-19 vaccine records last week, they billed it as a convenience. But the state has received nearly 70,000 troubleshooting forms submitted online by residents looking to correct or complete their information.

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## PRACTICE GUIDANCE

### DWC Advises Eform Filers to Upgrade Windows OS to Continue to Use Electronic Adjudication Management System (EAMS)

California Department of Industrial Relations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is advising eform filers using older Microsoft operating systems to upgrade to continue using the Electronic Adjudication Management System (EAMS). Eform filers with Windows OS 7, 8 or 8.1 will no longer be able to access EAMS starting on August 1. Microsoft has ended support for Windows OS 7 partially due to inherent security issues. DWC recommends efilers using OS 7, 8 and 8.1 upgrade to Windows 10 before August 1. This includes qualified medical evaluators and return to work external users. JET Filers or JET vendors will not be impacted by this change.

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### Five Blues Plans Launch New For-Profit Company To Lower Drug Prices

Modern Healthcare via Health Reporter

Five Blue Cross Blue Shield plans have launched a new for-profit pharmacy solutions company to combat drug costs, which comprise an ever-growing share of their budgets, the insurers announced.

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