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## Top News

### Did You Miss COA's Webinar???



SBA PPP Loan Program – Loan Forgiveness Application  
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If so, you have another chance to view the webinar and learn from one of the most knowledgeable CPAs in the state – Chris Bell, CPA of Moss Adams. He discusses the "ins and outs" of what information you need and how to complete the loan forgiveness application. It's complicated and needs to be done correctly, or you will have to pay back the loan.

[Webinar](#)

### "Did you Know" — Employee Benefits



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**Question:** Must an employer continue an employee's health and other dental or vision benefits while they are out on a Workers' Compensation claim?

**Response:** In general, the employer would have to continue benefits to the same extent that they do for employees on other types of leaves. For example, if the employer has more than 50 employees and FMLA or CFRA applies, the employee would be entitled to keeping their benefits open for at least 12 weeks. If the employer is smaller, they need to keep the benefits open for as long as they keep benefits open for employees on other types of leave. They need to be consistent with how other workers who are not on work comp leave are treated so that they avoid a discrimination claim. If they are on leave and it triggers COBRA coverage (per their policy), the employee would be responsible for the whole payment. [READ MORE](#)

### In Sickness and in Health: Return To Work Packet



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Re-opening your business and keeping your employees and customers safe is a daunting task right now. The regulations are changing daily. WorkWise Law, PC has your back! [READ MORE](#)

### "Did you Know" — Workers Compensation



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**Question:** If a Workers' Compensation copy service sends your office a request to copy medical records, are you required to copy the records and send them to the copy service? These requests have increased under COVID-19 as copy services are reluctant or unable to come to a medical office to copy the records.

**Response:** The copier service can make the request, but the physician's office is not obligated to copy the records. If you choose to copy and send the records to the copy service, be sure to have an agreement in writing as to what you will be paid for providing this service. If the physician office receives a court subpoena directly for medical records, then they are obligated to reply. California law specifies what physician offices can charge for copying medical records. [READ MORE](#)

## COVID-19 Guidance

### Not Yet Received Monies from the HHS Medicare Physician Relief Fund? This Could be the Reason Why.



Politico

Months after Congress approved \$175 billion in emergency aid to health providers, the Trump administration has yet to pay out the majority of the funds — nearly \$100 billion — amid a series of setbacks and internal uncertainty over how best to distribute the money. [READ MORE](#)

### CMS Innovation Center Models COVID-19 Related Adjustments



The table in this document describes adjustments that have been made or that CMS will be making to certain Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center Models to address the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The table specifically focuses on model adjustments related to financial methodologies, quality reporting, and model timelines. [READ MORE](#)

## Job Opportunity

### Orthopedic Practice Opportunity



South Bay area of Los Angeles

Solo orthopedic surgeon (adult reconstructive) looking for a general, spine, or sports orthopedic surgeon to join our practice in a space and overhead sharing arrangement OR to take over our practice with the goal of purchasing it. [READ MORE](#)

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