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## TOP NEWS

### News from CMS — CMS Proposes Regs to Halt the Phased Elimination of the Inpatient-Only (IPO) list; Increase Penalties on Hospitals for Price Transparency

CMS  
CMS is increasing Medicare beneficiary safety by reversing changes made for 2021 regarding the care setting for which Medicare will pay for surgical procedures that may pose risk to patients.

CMS is also proposing actions to address the health equity gap, ensure consumers have the information they need to make fully informed decisions regarding their health care, improve emergency care access in rural communities, and use lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic to inform patient care and quality measurements.

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### Biden to Crack Down on Hospital Pricing Transparency Violations

ModernHealthcare via News Block

The Biden administration wants to increase fines for hospitals that do not provide clear and accessible pricing information online, in line with CMS's proposed outpatient payment rule on Monday. The agency has proposed increasing the minimum fine for violations of the hospital price transparency rule to \$300 per day for hospitals with 30 beds or less. Hospitals with more than 30 beds would have to pay \$10 per day for each bed up to \$5,500 per day. Hospitals could face annual fines of \$110,000 to more than \$2 million, depending on their size.

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## PPP Forgiveness and Repayment

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For many businesses that have received loans under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), it may be time to start thinking about the process for loan forgiveness. Borrowers need to take action before their window for forgiveness expires. Otherwise, their loans will become standard loans, and the borrowers could be responsible for repaying the full amount plus 1% interest before the maturity date. Additionally, some borrowers will have their loans subject to review or audit. We've provided some details for your consideration.

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## Telehealth Flexibilities are Extended Again...

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Secretary Becerra of Health and Human Services once again renewed the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) yesterday, July 19, 2021. Although the PHE will most likely remain in place through the end of the year, extensions must be revisited every 90 days. The current extension end date is through Monday, October 18, 2021.

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## Job Opportunities

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[Learn more](#) about the following job opportunities:

**Ventura Orthopedics** — Posted: 7/19/21

Orthopedic Surgeon Shoulder and Elbow Reconstruction

**Orthopaedic Surgeon Needed** — Posted 7/19/2021

**Orthopedic Fellowship- Out-Patient TJA** — Posted 7/19/2021

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