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## Top News

### State Compensation Insurance Fund — Forms a New WC Medical Provider Network



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**Are you part of the State Fund Workers' Compensation Medical Provider Network?**

If Yes, read the below notice carefully.

If No, but you would like to join the network, it's time to apply.

As of July 27, 2020, Harbor Health will no longer be managing the State Fund WC MPN. State Fund is bringing their network in-house. In late June, network physicians should have received a notice of this change. Injured workers have also been notified.

For a time during this transition, physicians currently in the network will be able to continue to treat their State Fund patients, but State Fund is indicating that not all current network physicians will be transitioned to the new network. Be on the look-out for a letter from State Fund around the end of July, letting you know whether you will be invited to be part of the new network. State Fund is required to have physicians sign new contracts. They have indicated that reimbursement levels will remain the same.

If you are not currently part of the State Fund WC MPN, you can apply.

For more information on this transition and how to apply to join the network, go to:

<https://www.statefundca.com/Home/StaticIndex?id=https://content.statefundca.com/provider/MpnFaqs.asp>

For questions specific to your practice, contact State Fund- [scifmpn@scif.com](mailto:scifmpn@scif.com) Phone: 877-636-0606.

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### Avoid COVID-19 scams



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Have you gotten robocalls, text messages, or emails offering free face masks? Or maybe you've seen social media posts about free COVID-19 testing kits, "cures," or protective equipment?

Unfortunately scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic to try to steal your Medicare Number and personal

information. **If anyone reaches out to get your Medicare Number or personal information in exchange for something, you can bet it's a scam.**

Stop scams before they happen. [Watch this short video](#) and visit [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.Medicare.gov/fraud) for tips on preventing Medicare scams and fraud. **If you suspect fraud, call 1-800-MEDICARE to report it.**

## A Message Sent from Stu Weinstein, MD: Electing Our Own



Stu Weinstein

Dear Colleague,

This election cycle we have a unique opportunity to elect our own, Dr. Manny Sethi, a orthopaedic trauma surgeon at Vanderbilt University and former AAOS Washington Health Policy Fellow to the United States Senate.

As with our PAC, this is not a Republican or Democratic issue, but an issue of preserving the Doctor-Patient relationship and ensuring that all Americans have access to our care. This open seat is a Republican seat and the Primary Will Be the Election. Manny has done extremely well in fundraising vs his main opponent but as you know in the American politics robust fund raising is absolutely critical to success. [READ MORE](#)

## United Healthcare Changes Their Policy — Diagnostic Imaging



AAOS

COA Joined the AAOS and other state orthopaedic associations in urging United Healthcare to change a policy they adopted effective April 1, 2020 which required surgeons to send in clinical images – MRIs/CTscans/x-rays/photos to justify a clinical intervention. We objected to this policy based on additional administrative burdens on surgeons, patient security, and safety concerns. We are pleased to report that United Healthcare has suspended this requirement.

[Read the UnitedHealthcare Response](#)

[Read the AAOS Coalition Letter](#)

### Other Articles

## Two Million and Counting: American Joint Replacement Registry Reaches Major Milestone



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The American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR), the cornerstone of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Registry Program and the world's largest national registry of hip and knee joint replacement data by annual procedural count, proudly announced that it reached and surpassed its two millionth hip and knee procedure with the input of data from Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Tracking an additional one million procedures since 2017, the Registry Program gives orthopaedic surgeons and providers the most comprehensive picture to date of trends in hip and knee arthroplasty practice and outcomes in the United States. [READ MORE](#)

## 619-bed California hospital to join Cedars-Sinai



Becker's Hospital Review

Huntington Hospital in Pasadena, Calif., has entered into a definitive agreement to join Los Angeles-based Cedars-Sinai Health System, roughly four months after the organizations signed a letter of intent to explore an affiliation. The agreement calls for investments in 619-bed Huntington Hospital's information technology, ambulatory services and physician development. Under the agreement, Huntington Hospital would be governed by a local board and its philanthropy and volunteer support would be locally controlled, the organizations said. [READ MORE](#)

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