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VERADIGM STAND-ALONE ePRESCRIBING PLATFORM

As of January 1, 2022 two things will change in prescribing medications:

1. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) is requiring that Part D prescriptions for Medicare patients for controlled substances must be submitted electronically.
2. California is mandating that all prescriptions be submitted electronically.

To assist COA members in complying with these requirements, COA has partnered with Veradigm (a business unit of Allscripts) to offer its members access to a stand-alone application for e-prescribing. A stand-alone option allows physicians to e-prescribe even though they do not have an EHR system in their practice.



Veradigm ePrescribe is fully compliant with all California and federal mandates and has the following capabilities:

- Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS)
- Connectivity to CURES - California's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA) within the ePrescribing workflow
- Ability to access patient-specific drug price information at the point of care via Veradigm RxTruePrice

Veradigm is offering COA members a 15% discount on their e-prescribing app.

- \$29 per health care provider per month with ads
- \$33 per health care provider per month without ads.

For more information, [listen to the video presented at COA's 2021 Annual Meeting](#).

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AAOS Releases 2020 Reports from the American Joint Replacement Registry and the Shoulder & Elbow Registry

The AAOS Registry Program released two new clinical data reports: the American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR)

Program 2020 Annual Report Supplement and the Shoulder & Elbow Registry (SER) 2020 Annual Report. The reports, which were released during the AAOS 2021 Annual Meeting in San Diego, offer actionable information to guide physicians' decision making to improve care and pave the way for higher-quality orthopaedic outcomes in the United States. The reports and supplements are available for download on the AAOS Registry Program website.

[Read the AJRR 2020 Annual Report...](#)

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Medscape Physician Compensation Report 2021: The Recovery Begins

Medscape

Physician compensation was atypical last year. Due to COVID-19, many physicians' offices closed temporarily; most physicians saw fewer patients for several months. By year end, the worst business days were over for some physicians, although others are still struggling and the grim emotional toll of COVID remains. Almost 18,000 physicians in over 29 specialties told us about their income, bonuses, hours worked, greatest challenges, and the surprising impact of COVID on their compensation.

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Biden-Harris Administration to Expand Vaccination Requirements for Health Care Settings

CMS

The Biden-Harris Administration will require COVID-19 vaccination of staff within all Medicare and Medicaid-certified facilities to protect both them and patients from the virus and its more contagious Delta variant. Facilities across the country should make efforts now to get health care staff vaccinated to make sure they are in compliance when the rule takes effect.

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UnitedHealthcare Pays Providers Less Than Standard Rates for COVID-19 Vaccines

Modern Healthcare via Best in AU

Pediatricians across the country are claiming that the country's largest insurer is shortening their access to COVID-19 vaccines, jeopardizing access to the key tools to stop the virus's spread. The American Academy of Pediatrics has filed complaints from providers nationwide who are disappointed that UnitedHealth Group is paying nearly 50% of the federal rate for vaccine administration, Dr. Sue Cressley, who chairs the AAP's Payments Advocacy Advisory Committee and runs Pennsylvania-based Kressly.

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AIG (Incorrectly) Cuts Med-Legal Bill by 88%

DaisyBill

AIG improperly reduced a California Medical-Legal bill by 88%, providing a dramatic example of how California law incentivizes payers to incorrectly reimburse physicians who treat injured workers. Rather than properly reimbursing a Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME) for a supplemental report, AIG seemingly used a profits-first calculus that takes into account the utter lack of consequences payers face when breaking the rules. Below, we document AIG's victimization of a physician evaluator who did exactly what was requested of them.

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Estimated Time to Maximum Medical Improvement of Intra-articular Injections in the Treatment of Knee Osteoarthritis — A Systematic Review

Arthroscopy

The purpose of the current study is to perform a systematic review of the literature and evaluate maximum medical improvement and minimal clinically important difference (MCID) of different injectables in the treatment of symptomatic knee osteoarthritis.

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Resurgence of SARS-CoV-2 Infection in a Highly Vaccinated Health System Workforce

The New England Journal of Medicine

In December 2020, the University of California San Diego Health (UCSDH) workforce experienced a dramatic increase in severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infections. Vaccination with mRNA vaccines began in mid-December 2020; by March, 76% of the workforce had been fully vaccinated, and by July, the percentage had risen to 87%.

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