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Analysts say physicians also could end up winners and losers, depending on who is affiliated with the larger health system.

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HHS cutting red tape to speed clinical trials

Sweeping changes to regulation of human-subject research could streamline the review of protocols and stem the outsourcing of studies to developing countries.

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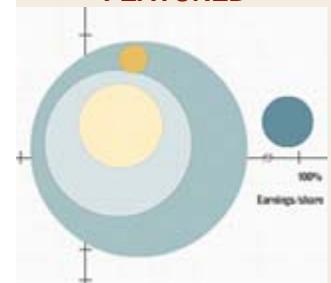
Physician organizations fight states' proposed cutbacks to Medicaid

Requests by California and other states to impose new enrollee cost-sharing would imperil vulnerable patients, advocates say.

Specialists push EPA for stronger air quality regulations

Doctors say revised ozone rules would improve respiratory health, but new standards have been delayed several times.

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Illinois lawmakers challenge CMS rejection of anti-fraud law

The measure violates provisions of health system reform by changing Medicaid eligibility requirements, federal officials say.

PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

Revealing their medical errors: Why three doctors went public

To err is human. To tell the world about the cases when things went wrong requires courage.

Indiana court: New claims can't be added to lawsuits after review

Judges rule that the state's medical review panel must receive all possible claims before cases go to court, protecting doctors from endless litigation.

National groups unite to target health disparities

AHA leads an effort to increase data collection, improve diversity in medical leadership and encourage cultural competency training at hospitals and medical schools.

BUSINESS

Health plan profits coming before growth in membership

The largest shareholder-owned insurers are expanding along with earnings, but plans aren't swinging their doors open for just anyone.

Spending on employee benefits grows, but at a sluggish pace

Physician services fall below the inflation rate while hospitals outpace it, an analysis shows. Spending for prescription drugs remained almost unchanged.

Physician interaction with insurers costs nearly 4 times more in U.S. than in Canada

While highlighting cost differences, the survey's authors say they aren't endorsing a single-payer system.

Practice Management - Culturally competent practices can drive up good will - and patient traffic

OPINION

Editorial - Time for new policy on environmental risk

The attention surrounding problems associated with bisphenol A is but an indication that more needs to be done to assess the risk of chemicals in the environment.

AMA Leader Commentary - Physicians have the expertise to get delivery systems right

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