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2018 total knee arthroplasty FAQs



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Until recently, total knee arthroplasty (TKA) was included on the Medicare inpatient-only (IPO) list. The removal of TKA from the IPO has raised multiple questions. Because of the significant amount of confusion surrounding this issue, we are providing this list of frequently asked questions as an easily accessible resource. [READ MORE](#)

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CMS to work with providers and other agencies to address Stark Law issues



Health Leaders Media

The U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is considering the formation of an interagency task force to review the federal Stark Laws. The Stark Laws prohibit referral by a physician of a Medicare or Medicaid patient to another health services entity if the physician or an immediate family member has a financial relationship with that entity. Some providers have complained that the Stark Laws impede the implementation of certain care coordination models. [READ MORE](#)

New Medicare Cards



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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released its [preliminary strategy](#) for mailing new Medicare cards to beneficiaries. For example, beneficiaries located in AK, CA, DE, HI, MD, OR, PA, VA, and WV are expected to receive their new cards between April and June. Most others will receive their new cards after June. [READ MORE](#)

A check up on US global health policy, after one year of the Trump administration



Kaiser Health Foundation

January marks one year since Donald Trump became the 45th president of the United States after winning the election on a populist, “America-first”, platform. Since then, there have been many questions raised about what a Trump presidency would mean for U.S. global health policy in light of statements on scaling back foreign aid and a skepticism of the value of multilateral institutions and key international agreements. [READ MORE](#)

Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan team up to try to disrupt healthcare



The New York Times

Three corporate behemoths — Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan Chase — announced that they would form an independent healthcare company for their employees in the United States. The alliance was a sign of just how frustrated American businesses are with the state of the nation’s healthcare system and the rapidly spiraling cost of medical treatment. [READ MORE](#)

How AI is transforming the future of healthcare



Forbes

Thanks to the digital revolution, medical professionals don’t have to memorize nearly as much information as they did 50 years ago. Digital technology has liberated physicians, nurses and researchers to focus more mental energy on higher-level cognitive tasks and patient care. Artificial intelligence is poised to take this to the next level. [READ MORE](#)

Medical Board of California investigates opioid-related deaths



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Even though California is one of the states with the lowest number of opioid-related deaths in the nation based on our population numbers, the Medical Board of California remains concerned with the number of deaths that are occurring in California related to prescription drugs. The MBC has entered into an interagency agreement with the California Department of Public Health to share information listed on death certificates as a way of identifying deaths related to opioid prescription drugs. [READ MORE](#)

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