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### TOP NEWS

#### Study: Over-the-counter painkillers treated painful injuries just as well as opioids



Los Angeles Times

In an opioid epidemic that currently claims an average of 91 lives per day, there have been many paths to addiction. In a new study of patients who showed up to an emergency department with acute pain in their shoulders, arms, hips or legs, researchers found that a cocktail of two nonaddictive, over-the-counter drugs relieved pain just as well as — and maybe just a little better than — a trio of opioid pain medications widely prescribed under such circumstances. [READ MORE](#)

The AAOS has developed a “Pain Relief Toolkit” to assist Fellows in acute and post-operative pain management. Go to: <https://www.aaos.org/Quality/PainReliefToolkit/> to access the Toolkit.



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The Department of Health Care Services

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## A new message for California hospitals: Shape up, or get kicked out of Obamacare networks



KQED-TV

While most of the recent debate around health care has been around cost — especially the predictions about skyrocketing Obamacare premiums — there are 100 pages in the Affordable Care Act devoted solely to improving the quality of the healthcare Americans are paying so much for. Covered California, the state's Obamacare marketplace, is taking that mandate under the law seriously, and is now making a bold move to improve quality in a concrete way, and ultimately, ensure that California consumers get more value for their premium dollars. [READ MORE](#)

## 6 key takeaways for providers on BPCI-advanced (value-based Medicare payment)



Health Care Law Today

Despite some initial difficulty in gaining momentum, the use of value-based payment methodologies will likely increase across all provider niches. This change is partly a function of cost savings driven by margin compression as well as by government payment models rewarding quality and efficiency, such as the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act. As the newest kid on the block of value-based payment programs, the Bundled Payment For Care Improvement-Advanced should be carefully assessed by and engaged in by providers for several reasons. [READ MORE](#)

## California unions secure 12 percent raises from Kaiser Permanente, Dignity Health



Health Leaders Media

Two labor unions in California announced that they have reached separate contract deals with major providers in the state. Oakland-based Kaiser Permanente, which operates 21 medical centers and other facilities in central and northern California, agreed to a 12 percent across-the-board wage increase for the 19,000 registered nurses and nurse practitioners it employs, according to the California Nurses Association. [READ MORE](#)

## Keck CFO on new care strategies: 'We're going to have to break those chains'



Health Leaders Media

The University of Southern California has hired the person who will head the financial operations of its clinical medical enterprise as it seeks to expand services in the competitive Los Angeles healthcare market. Recently, James Uli, MHA, was introduced as chief financial officer of Keck Medicine of USC. Uli previously served as CFO of Providence Saint John's Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, and held leadership positions at Loma Linda University Medical Center. [READ MORE](#)

## California attorney general OKs Adventist's Rideout acquisition



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Rideout Regional Medical Center, a 219-bed acute care hospital in Marysville, California, will soon become part of Adventist Health, a nonprofit system that serves patients in three states. The California Attorney General's Office approved the transition of the medical center and a number of other Rideout Health assets throughout Yuba and Sutter counties, which are north of Sacramento, Adventist recently announced. [READ MORE](#)

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