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AAOS Resolution is proposed to protect surgeons who utilize the AAOS Professionalism Program

Florida Orthopaedic Society

The Florida Orthopaedic Society is proposing a resolution at the AAOS Fall Meeting that would direct AAOS to indemnify the cost of defense to members who become subject to legal action as a result of filing a grievance or participating in the AAOS Professional Program's grievance process. At issue is a Florida orthopaedic surgeon who was personally named in a defamation lawsuit related to his utilization of the AAOS Professionalism Program. He filed a complaint against another AAOS Fellow for expert witness testimony. The AAOS ultimately disciplined the AAOS Fellow, and the disciplined Fellow ended up suing the AAOS and filing a defamation claim against the orthopaedic surgeon. [READ MORE](#)



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AMA, groups applaud CMS proposals to cut paperwork, slam payment rate changes

Healthcare Finance

More than 150 medical groups joined together with the American Medical Association in lauding some proposals in the 2019 physician payment rule that will decrease the administrative burden for physicians, but are raising alarm bells about a change to payment rates for some office visit services for both new and established patients. The groups, which include the AMA, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Emergency Physicians, American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Chiropractic Association and numerous other groups wrote a letter to CMS Administrator Seema Verma applauding some proposals, but asked the agency to discard others. [READ MORE](#)

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