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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS:

- Health Care Disruptors: How changes will affect the future in orthopaedic practice
- Health Care in the Age of the Millennial: Anticipating the needs of the new generation
- Updates on best clinical practices and controversial topics in subspecialty practice
- Keys to understanding the Medical-Legal Fee Schedule
- Mock Oral Examination for Step 2 of ABOS Exams - Share your own cases

See you at the Ritz!

UnitedHealth warns hospitals over Envision contract



Modern Healthcare

A dispute between UnitedHealth Group and staffing firm Envision Healthcare is heating up again. UnitedHealth sent a letter to more than 700 hospitals stating Envision will likely be out of network starting next year because of its emergency department billing practices, the insurer said Tuesday. Envision staffs emergency rooms in several rural areas of California including: Banning, Manteca, Gridley, Mariposa, Eureka, Ridgecrest, Stockton, Tehachapi, Big Bear Lake, Crescent City, Palmdale, Arcata, Turlock, San Andreas, and Fall River Mills. [READ MORE](#)



Division of Workers' Compensation adopts OMFS amendments to implement local geographic adjustment factors



California Department of Industrial Relations,

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has adopted amendments to the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) for Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner Services (California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9789.12.1 through 9789.19.1) to replace the average statewide geographic adjustment factor with local geographic adjustment factors as of January 1. [READ MORE](#)

Senate passes Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act



Healio

California has long had a law allowing physicians to travel to California with their athletes to provide treatment should the athlete become injured during a game, even if the physician was not licensed in California. However, this has been a problem for California physicians when they traveled to other states with their teams. They have not always been able to render care in other states if they were not licensed to practice medicine in that state. It will be helpful to have a uniform law across all states. [READ MORE](#)

DWC posts adjustments to official medical fee schedule (hospital outpatient departments/ambulatory surgical centers)



California Department of Industrial Relations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted an order adjusting the Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Centers section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) to conform to changes in the Medicare payment system as required by Labor Code section 5307.1. The Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Centers fee schedule update order adopts the following Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare changes. [READ MORE](#)

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