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## Ortho News This Week

### COA updates its white paper on telehealth in orthopaedics



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In May, 2019, COA's Board of Director's adopted a White Paper entitled, "Telehealth in Orthopaedics" to help our members understand how telehealth services can be utilized in orthopaedic practices. This White Paper has been updated to add a 50-State review of Telehealth laws, regulations, and payor trends recently released by Foley & Lardner, a well-known health care law firm. [READ MORE](#)

### Therapy Billing: Be Sure Your Team Is Doing Things Right



AAOS  
Many orthopaedic surgeons are adding physical and occupational therapy services to their practices. This can be daunting for in-house billing teams, as they may lack experience with the new services, therapy terminology, and associated Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. [READ MORE](#)

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### California surprise-billing law protects patients but aggravates many doctors



Kaiser Health News via HealthLeaders Media

More than two years after California's surprise-billing law took effect, there's one thing on which consumer

advocates, doctors and insurers all agree: The law has been effective at protecting many people from bills they might have been saddled with from doctors who aren't in their insurance network. [READ MORE](#)

## Defining value: What does this term really mean?



Medical Economics

At first blush, the shift from volume to value appears progressive, thoughtful and even prescriptive for a healthcare system burdened with treating too many patients in too little time at too high a cost. But appearances can be deceiving, and you don't need to dig too deeply to uncover the drawbacks of mandated value-based care, and why real value may be found in a much simpler way. [READ MORE](#)

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