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## Ortho News This Week

### New 50-state telemedicine survey finds significant progress in commercial payer laws nationwide



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For years, Foley has monitored legal policy in the telemedicine and digital health industry, following how advances in technology have coupled with improved state regulations to supercharge the growth of telehealth and virtual care services in the United States. We now share the results of our 2019 survey, which confirm significant legal advancements supporting the industry. [READ MORE](#)

### 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. To access the updated White Paper [click here](#).

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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](#)

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

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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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