Opioid Manufacturer Mallinckrodt Agrees to $1.6B Settlement

NewsGeneric opioid manufacturer Mallinckrodt has agreed to a $1.6 billion settlement to resolve a host of lawsuits that arose in response to tens of thousands of deadly opioid overdoses nationwide fueled, in part, by prescription drugs.

Class Settlement of Florida Hospital Overcharge Suit Approved

NewsMayo Clinic Jacksonville and a proposed class of 371 patients it treated for motor vehicle accident injuries received preliminary approval of a settlement involving claims the health-care provider overcharged them.

Johnson & Johnson to Pay $100M in Baby Powder

Settlement

NewsJohnson & Johnson will pay out over $100 million to settle more than 1000 lawsuits that claim the pharmaceutical giant’s baby powder caused cancer.

Baltimore Attorney Facing Federal Indictment for Attempted Extortion

NewsA federal grand jury has indicted Stephen L. Snyder, age 72, of Miami Beach, Florida, on the federal charges of attempted extortion and interstate travel and use of an interstate facility to carry on unlawful activity, also known as the Travel Act.

Three Defendants Charged in Multi-Million Dollar Medicare Fraud Scheme

NewsThree individuals were charged today in connection with a multi-million dollar Medicare fraud scheme, bringing the total number of defendants to six.

AG Jennings Announces Settlement with Novartis Regarding Allegations of Improper Kickbacks

NewsAttorney General Kathy Jennings announced Monday that Delaware has joined the United States, twenty-seven other states, and the District of Columbia to settle allegations against Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation.

Bayer Settles More U.S. Claims Over Weedkiller Roundup

NewsBayer AG has settled thousands of U.S. Roundup weed killer lawsuits as part of an $11 billion settlement, reaching deals with the only lawyers who took cases to trial over allegations the herbicide caused cancer.

Wheeling Hospital Agrees to $50M Settlement Concerning Medicare Fraud Claims

NewsWheeling Hospital, Inc. has agreed to pay the United States a total of $50,000,000 to resolve claims that it violated the False Claims Act by knowingly submitting claims to the Medicare program that resulted from violations of the Physician Self-Referral Law and the Anti-Kickback Statute.

Lawyer Who Allegedly Lied About Health for Deadline Extensions Should be Suspended

NewsAn Illinois lawyer, who reportedly lied and said he had cancer—when he did not—and instead was looking for discovery deadline extensions, is facing potential suspension from the practice of law.

Bayer to Pay $1.6B to Settle

90% of Essure Injury Claims

News

Bayer will pay about $1.6 billion to settle nearly all of the U.S. lawsuits that, over several years, have claimed the company’s Essure birth control implant caused serious injuries.

Nine Individuals Charged in $24 Million Paycheck Protection Program Fraud Scheme

News

In one of the largest COVID-relief fraud cases to date, nine Ohio and Florida individuals are alleged to have conspired to obtain fraudulent PPP loans guaranteed by the CARES Act and to have received kickbacks for filing fraudulent loan applications.

Pharmacy to Pay $3.5 Million to Resolve U.S. Claims it

Helped Teva Pay Kickbacks

News

A Florida-based specialty pharmacy will pay $3.5 million to resolve allegations it served as a conduit for a Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd subsidiary to pay kickbacks to Medicare patients, the U.S. Justice Department said on Thursday.

Return to Work COVID-19 Testing Considerations

News

As employees increasingly transition back into the physical workplace, employers have begun to grapple with whether and how to deploy COVID-19 diagnostic testing as a return-to-work solution.

New York May Soon Enact Contact Tracing Law

News

A bill regulating the use of contact tracing data has moved its way through both chambers of the New York State legislature.

Employers No Longer Have a Pre-Contract Duty to Bargain Over Disciplinary Decisions

Insights

Recently, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), overruling an important Obama-era decision, held that employers do not have a pre first-contract duty to bargain before disciplining employees in a manner consistent with an existing policy or practice.

Sutter Health's Request to Delay $575 Million Settlement Is Denied

News

Despite citing the surge in coronavirus cases and economic fallout from the pandemic in California, Sutter Health failed to persuade a state judge on Thursday to delay the $575 million settlement it reached last December over accusations of price gouging and monopolistic practices.

Florida’s Largest Nursing Home Company, Faces Quarter-Billion-Dollar Fraud Judgment

News

Florida’s largest nursing home provider is again facing a quarter-billion-dollar judgment for fraud.

Tamiflu Maker Won $1.4B Contract after Deceiving the FDA about Drug’s Pandemic Effectiveness

News

Drug company Hoffmann-La Roche falsified scientific conclusions and mounted a high-powered marketing and lobbying campaign to deceive the government about the effectiveness of Tamiflu for fighting a flu pandemic, according to new filings in a federal False Claims Act lawsuit.

Judge Reinstates $85M of

Previously Tossed $348M FCA Verdict Against Nursing Home Manager

News

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit this week reinstated part of a False Claims Act (FCA) verdict that was overturned in 2018, issuing a judgment of more than $255 against multiple companies.

Citing COVID, Sutter Pushes to Revisit $575M Antitrust Settlement

News

Six months after agreeing to a $575 million settlement in a closely watched antitrust case filed by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, Sutter Health has yet to pay a single dollar, and no operational changes have gone into effect.