More States Likely to Sue over Opioid Epidemic

Insight

States will be very tempted by the significant potential damages that may be awarded in court to try to recoup some of the costs of treatment, says Kent Sullivan of Jackson Walker LLP.

Webinar: HIPAA and the Compliance Officer

Event, August 9, 2017, 10 a.m. PDT

MentorHealth's webinar will be addressing how practice/business managers (or compliance offers) need to get their HIPAA house in order before the imminent audits occur.

Healthcare Developer Fined $155 Million for Lying About Compliance

News

The settlement marks the first time an electronics health records vendor is being charged for the truthfulness and accuracy of representations made when seeking government

certification, reports HIT Consultant.

CVS’s Omnicare to Pay $23 Million to Resolve U.S. Kickback Case

News

Reuters is reporting CVS Health Corp’s Omnicare unit has agreed to pay $23 million to resolve a whistleblower lawsuit alleging that it took kickbacks from a drugmaker to promote two antidepressants, according to settlement papers.

The World’s Best-Selling Drug Just Lost a Key Patent Battle

News

The rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis medicine has recently been a target of biopharma companies that are trying to make generic Humira copycats called “biosimilars,” reports *Fortune*.

U.S. Accuses UnitedHealth of Medicare Advantage Fraud

News

The accusation against the company is the latest, following separate lawsuits in two separate whistleblower lawsuits against the country's largest health insurer, reports Reuters.

Big Law Widow Awarded $3M in GlaxoSmithKline Case

News

Wendy Dolin's husband, Stewart, stepped in front of a CTA Blue Line train in the Loop on July 15, 2010. He had been taking paroxetine, a drug for depression and anxiety, reports *The Chicago Tribune*.

Health Law: Is Your Arbitration Agreement Enforceable?

Insight

A recent decision of the Arizona Court of Appeals provides guidance for evaluation of the enforceability of arbitration agreements in the health care field, reports Snell & Wilmer in

its Health Law Checkup blog.

How States Are Using the Law to Bring Drug Executives to Heel

News

The generic drug industry has come under fire the last couple of years because of staggering price increases, but now generic drug executives can expect to face tougher legal repercussions, reports MedCity News.

Veteran Healthcare Lawyer Joins Barnes & Thornburg in South Bend

News

Barnes Thornburg LLP today that veteran Healthcare Lawyer Robert Wade is joining the firm’s South Bend office as a partner in the Healthcare Department. He was previously a Partner at Krieg Devault.

Federal Appeals Court Sides With Physicians in ‘Docs vs. Glocks’ Case

News

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Thursday that Florida’s so-called “Docs and Glocks” law, which prohibited doctors from asking patients about guns in the home, violated a physician’s free speech rights, reports *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Doctor Guilty of Felony for Botched Surgery; Prosecutors Said His Hands Were Deadly Weapons

News

Christopher Duntsch of Colorado has been in jail since his arrest in July 2015, charged with five aggravated assault charges after four of his patients were maimed and two died, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

Bill in Texas Legislature Would Give Nurse Practitioners More Power

News

A bill in the Texas House seeks to end regulations that require nurse practitioners to contract with doctors in order to treat and write prescriptions.

Healthcare and the False Claims Act, 2016 Survey

Insight

Healthcare and the False Claims Act, 2016 Survey summarizes the important laws, regulations, pronouncements, and cases of the past year, to inform healthcare providers and healthcare attorneys on this crucial statute in the healthcare industry.

Judge Blocks $54 Billion Anthem-Cigna Health Insurance Merger

News

A federal judge blocked the $54 billion merger between health

insurance giants Anthem and Cigna, saying the deal would increase prices and reduce competition, according to a report by *The Washington Post*.

Painful Verdicts for Johnson & Johnson

News

The Lanier Law Firm said these verdicts marked the second and third bellwether trials among thousands of similar lawsuits nationwide that have been consolidated in multidistrict litigation in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

2016 HIPAA Year in Review: Audits, Fines, and Enforcement Trends

Event, Jan. 25, 2 p.m. EST

Compliancy Group will present a complimentary webinar examining the major breaches and fines that made 2016 the most expensive year on record for HIPAA fines and enforcement.

Obamacare Repeal: 18 Million Lose Insurance, Premiums Soar: Report

News

NBC News is reporting that about 18 million people would lose or drop their health insurance in the first year after Obamacare is repealed, the Congressional Budget Office reported Tuesday.

A Chicago GC's Journey From Mortgages to Medical Marijuana

News

Charlie Bachtell, CEO and co-founder of medical marijuana company Cresco Labs, was general counsel at Chicago-based mortgage company Guaranteed Rate before he moved into the legal cannabis business, *The Chicago Tribune* reports.

Trial Lawyer Jay Old Joins

Texas-based Hicks Thomas LLP

News

Veteran trial lawyer Jay Old has joined commercial litigation firm Hicks Thomas LLP where he will continue to represent construction, insurance, petrochemical and health care companies as part of his client portfolio.