Appeals court refuses to reinstate federal employee vaccine mandate while it reviews case

Health CareA federal appeals court said Wednesday it would not reinstate President Joe Biden’s Covid-19 vaccine mandate for federal employees while it reviews a lower court’s order putting the requirement on hold

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Why Many Employers Are Outsourcing COVID-19 Compliance

Health CareAlthough there are no federally mandated vaccine-or-testing regulations for employees in any industry other than health care, employers still need to comply with state

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Pfizer pushes to intervene in lawsuit seeking COVID vaccine

information from FDA

Health CarePfizer Inc wants to intervene in a Texas federal lawsuit seeking information from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration used in licensing the company’s COVID-19 vaccine

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New York state mask mandate back in effect as judge grants stay in appeal

Health CareAn appeals court judge on Tuesday granted a stay in an appeal over mask mandates in New York, keeping the rule in effect during the legal process, New York Attorney General

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The “Legal Epidemiology” of Pandemic Control

NewsThe centrality of law as a public health intervention has been undeniable during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Takeda’s Baxalta Settles with Bayer Over $173M Hemophilia Patent Infringement Verdict

NewsTakeda subsidiary Baxalta has spent more than two years pushing back against the $173 million in damages it was ordered to pay as a result of Bayer’s hemophilia patent infringement lawsuit.

Navigating the ADA Interactive Process and COVID-19 Disability Accommodation Requests

NewsAs vaccine proliferation continues, employers are preparing to welcome their workforces back to offices and job sites across the country.

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3 Biglaw Firms Will Give Back $1M in Purdue Pharma Legal

Fees in Settlement With Trustee

NewsThree large law firms have agreed to reduce fee applications by $1 million in their bankruptcy representation of Purdue Pharma, the maker of the prescription pain medication OxyContin, after the U.S. trustee alleged a failure to disclose a common interest agreement.

NIST Seeks Comments on Version 2.0 of HIPAA Security Rule Compliance Guidance

NewsCyber threats and cybersecurity controls have evolved significantly over the past two decades since the HIPAA Security Rule were originally promulgated.

Health Republic Insurance Lawsuit Reaches $220.8M Settlement

NewsArea health care providers will finally see millions of dollars in reimbursements tied to a defunct health insurer – but some may be out more than half of the dollars they were

owed.

Businesses Filing More COVID Lawsuits and the Stakes are Higher

NewsThe anniversary of COVID-19 shutdown orders brought an upturn in both the number of business-interruption lawsuits against insurers and the amount of damages they are claiming.

COVID-19, Info Blocking Provisions: Time for HIPAA Compliance Checkup

NewsThe information blocking provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act officially went into effect this week, putting into focus the Department of Health and Human Services' regulatory and compliance effort around HIPAA-required data sharing between applicable healthcare entities,.

Purdue Moves to Unload Opioid Claims Via $10B Plan

NewsPurdue Pharma LP has floated a settlement plan calling for members of the billionaire Sackler family to pay more than $4.2 billion to help resolve the thousands of lawsuits that drove the maker of OxyContin opioid painkillers into bankruptcy.

Novartis Unveils Legal Leadership Change as Biotech Hiring Booms

NewsNovartis AG announced Friday that its global head of litigation, Thomas Kendris, will on an interim basis succeed its outgoing chief legal officer Shannon Thyme Klinger.

COVID Audits and Investigations: The Enforcers

NewsThe United States government has made available an estimated four trillion dollars in relief funds to businesses and individuals, and the Biden administration is proposing roughly two trillion dollars more.

Humana Agrees to a $12.5M Settlement to Resolve Allegations of Anti-Kickback Violations

NewsThe first of its kind FCA case involves Roche and Medicare Advantage insurer Humana.

Renown Health Pays OCR $75K for HIPAA Right of Access Failure

NewsThe Office for Civil Rights reached a $75,000 civil monetary penalty and corrective action plan with Nevada-based Renown Health, to settle a potential violation of the HIPAA right of access standard.

Humana and Roche Settle False

Claims Act Lawsuit for $12.5M

NewsRoche and Humana have agreed to settle a False Claims Act lawsuit brought by a whistleblower relator on behalf of the United States. Defendants will pay $12.5 million to settle the government’s claims.

COVID-19: Natural Disaster or Contractual Quandary?

NewsAs the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic is no longer considered ‘unprecedented’ and the restrictions associated with the pandemic have become a part of ‘the new abnormal.’

McKinsey to Pay $573M to Settle Role in Opioid Crisis

NewsGlobal consultancy firm McKinsey & Company has agreed to pay $573 to settle claims by more than 40 US states related to its role in the nation’s opioid epidemic.