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Impending Medicare Pay Cuts Total Nearly 10%

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By Joey Berlin

TMA

With a pandemic making this moment one of the worst times to financially hit physician practices still reeling from shutdowns last year, TMA, the American Medical Association, and others are urging Congress to stop impending payment cuts that could devastate access to care for the nation's elderly and disabled. See details on the cuts.

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The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio selected to Forbes Best-In-State Employers 2021 list

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Shared by Steven Lee

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, also known as UT Health San Antonio, has been selected to Forbes magazine's list of Best-In-State Employers 2021.

UT Health San Antonio ranks 34th on the list of major employers in Texas, from all industries, and is in the top five in the "Healthcare & Social" industry sector. The rankings are based on independent surveys.

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Nitric Oxide drug study for COVID-19 seeks clinics to enroll patients.

Nitric Oxide Innovations, a clinical stage bio-technology company has their lead nitric oxide therapy, NOviricid, in a phase 2b/3a clinical trial for African Americans and Hispanics recently diagnosed with COVID-19. The company will compensate the clinic \$1000 for every patient enrolled. This is an FDA approved outpatient clinical trial (IND 150758) investigating the effects of nitric oxide on preventing hospitalization, ventilation and death from COVID.

Inclusion Criteria:

1. Male or female of 50-85 years of age
2. Self-report as African American or Hispanic
3. Subjects with recent COVID-19 diagnosis either symptomatic or asymptomatic
4. Agrees to comply with study procedures
5. Has given voluntary, written, informed consent to participate in the study

Once patient has been identified and consented, the clinic will hand patient over to our clinical trial coordinator and we provide the follow up and patient support.

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Thursday, October 21, 2021 5:30–8:30 pm

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New COVID-19 Provider Funding

The application is now open for both Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural payments. PRF Phase 4 is open to a broad range of providers who have experienced changes in operating revenues and expenses. The application will close on October 26, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

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A video thumbnail for a presentation. On the left is a portrait of Blake Bratcher, a man with a beard wearing a dark suit and tie. Below his portrait is a play button icon and the text "WATCH THE VIDEO TO LEARN MORE". On the right, the title "HOW CAN A TRUST HELP PROTECT MY LEGACY?" is displayed in a large, blue, serif font. Below the title is a short paragraph: "Blake Bratcher, Vice President, Trust & Estates Officer at The Bank of San Antonio, breaks down what a trust is and how it can serve you in creating your family legacy." At the bottom right, the Bank of San Antonio logo is shown, along with the website "thebankofsa.com" and the text "Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender".



A New Chapter on College Financial Aid

If you have a child in college, it's generally a good idea to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year, even if you don't expect to receive any need-based assistance. This form is used to qualify for federal direct loans and state financial aid programs. Plus, many universities rely on information provided on the FAFSA when offering financial aid to students. Here's an overview of how this form is changing with the times.

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Facing a HIPAA Audit: What to Know

Since the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) was passed, the Department of Health and Human Services has been supplied with a range of tools to support enforcement. This article explains the three types of breaches that may result in a HIPAA audit as well as the questions likely to be asked by an auditor.

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If you are nearing retirement, you have probably begun to think about Medicare. Learn how...

Transitioning to Medicare is complicated. If you are at or nearing retirement age, you probably have many questions. TMA Insurance Trust is here to help provide the best information, advice and service so you can be confident about your choices for yourself, your family and your practice.

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ANSWER As federal income taxes increase, the yield on taxable investments needs to increase to keep your after-tax income stable. In today's interest rate environment, it doesn't seem likely that those yields will increase the same as the proposed 2.6% income tax increase. The best way to save more of your money is to avoid paying income taxes on your investment income. Municipal bonds are currently the best way to avoid paying those taxes, and the benefit of owning Municipal bonds increases as taxes—or your tax rate—go up. For example, a 3% taxable yield will equate to 1.82% after the proposed federal tax rate of 39.6%. Since Municipal bonds are exempt from federal taxes, an investor would have to achieve a yield of 4.15% to have the same benefit of a tax-free Municipal bond which pays 2.50%.

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