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Making population health work for small practices
Medical Economics
The specialized IT applications required for population health management are generally too expensive and complex for small, independent practices. So some physicians may reject this approach, which can improve outcomes and prepare practices for value-based reimbursement. READ MORE

39th and 41st: More subpar health rankings for Georgia
The Pulse
Georgia remained at 41st in a national ranking of the healthiest states compiled by the United Health Foundation. Placing in the 40s is a typical ranking for the Peach State on health measures. Other Southern states did equally poorly. In America’s Health Rankings, released recently, Massachusetts, Hawaii, Vermont, Utah and Connecticut ranked as the five healthiest states. West Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi were the least healthy in the 2017 rankings. READ MORE

PRODUCT SHOWCASE

Hiring for Hospitalists
Envision Physician Services is hiring for Hospitalist at Memorial Satilla Health in Waycross, GA. Come join our team of exceptional hospitalists today!
Women outnumber men enrolling in medical school

Modern Healthcare
New data recently released shows the number of women enrolling in medical school has exceeded the number of male first-year students for the first time. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, women represented 50.7 percent of the more than 21,000 new medical school enrollees in 2017. Men still make up 51 percent of total enrollment in U.S. medical schools in 2017, but the number of women applying to medical school has been on the rise in recent years, compared to a decline in male applicants.

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US health spending growth slowed in 2016

CMS.GOV
According to a new report released by CMS, the upward trajectory of U.S. healthcare spending slowed in 2016 compared to the previous two years. In 2016, spending on healthcare grew to 17.9 percent of U.S. gross domestic product — an increase of 4.3 percent. By contrast, spending increased more than 5 percent in both 2014 and 2015, as the Affordable Care Act expanded coverage on the individual health insurance market and in Medicaid and as new, high-cost prescription drugs entered the market. READ MORE

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Georgia Chapter of The American College of Physicians With The Patient Centered Physician Coalition

ADVOCACY DAY AT THE GEORGIA CAPITOL
Thursday, February 15th, 2018
Plan to attend to let your voice be heard by your Georgia Legislators on behalf of your patients & your practice!

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