Partnership Toolbox for Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Removing unwanted or expired medications from the medicine cabinet is an easy and concrete step that everyone can take to make a difference in the opioid epidemic. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) created a new partnership toolbox of materials for promoting National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 28. READ MORE

Doctors say EHRs fall short for value-based care

While the market for electronic health records is maturing, value-based care has grown more permanent roots in the country’s healthcare system. But most providers feel their EHRs fall short when it comes to delivering on tools that can facilitate value-based care. According to new survey findings from Sage Growth Partners, 70 percent of providers have had an EHR for at least three years, and 65 percent say they’re somewhat or highly unlikely to replace them. But 64 percent of providers say EHRs have failed to
deliver on many critical value-based care tools, and a full 76 percent said EHRs didn't deliver on the promise to lower costs. READ MORE

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HUMANA ADDS 7 NEW STATES TO BUNDLED PAYMENT PORTFOLIO

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The Louisville-based Humana is expanding a value-based payment model into seven additional states, while the Medicare agency has yet to set a clear course for how to handle such models. Humana announced recently it would start offering its bundled payment model for hip and knee replacements under Medicare Advantage plans to members in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. READ MORE

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