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A tax credit program benefiting Georgia's most fragile hospitals has not been maxed out after all. The state Department of Revenue announced that the program will be reopened for donations. The agency did not say how much of the $60 million in tax credits remain untapped. "We have not yet certified the exact amount," said department spokesman William Gaston, who said the figure will be available in the coming weeks. READ MORE

Safer strategies for patient care transitions
By Lisa Mulcahy
Patient handoffs at every hospital are a constant fact of life — as an administrator, your aim is, of course, to make them as seamless as possible. Yet so many elements can go awry during any care transition. If your healthcare workers don't utilize proper communication and procedural protocol, confusion and medical errors can occur, unfortunately. Great news, though: the following research-proven strategies can protect your patients physically as they move from one provider to another, ease their stress levels regarding medical instructions and improve comprehension of their treatment. READ MORE

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