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MEDICARE/MEDICAID

'A giant unknown': What the alleged \$2B Medicare catheter fraud scheme means for ACOs

February 15, 2024, New York, NY -- Seven durable medical equipment companies cost the Medicare system \$2 billion in payments, the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) told the federal government in recent months. But it's unclear just how problematic that will be for accountable care organizations ...

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JUDICIAL

New York's high court backs insurer's denial of COVID-19 business interruption claim

to trigger coverage under a commercial property policy for COVID-19 business interruption losses. The Court of Appeals upheld lower courts that rejected Consolidated Restaurant Operations, Inc.'s (CRO) claims under a policy from Westport Insurance Corp ...

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MEDICARE/MEDICAID

Brooklyn business connected to multimillion dollar suspected Medicare fraud ring

February 16, 2024, New York, NY -- Medicare recipients across the country say a Brooklyn business has been fraudulently collecting taxpayer dollars for medical supplies in their names, and CBS2 Investigates has learned this company is connected to a multimillion dollar suspected fraud ring. Investigative reporter Tim McNicholas reviewed records showing Medicare paid thousands per person for catheters that recipients say they never ordered or even needed ...

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PUBLIC AWARENESS

How New York's \$6B CDPAP Medicaid program has been abused, overused for years

February 14, 2024, New York -- New Yorkers with zero healthcare experience are allowed to care for their elderly or disabled relatives and friends – potentially earning more than \$43,000 a year – under a \$6 billion Medicaid program that's been rife for fraud, abuse and overuse for years, insiders say. The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program,

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INSIDER INSURER

Uber sues insurer for refusing to cover NYC drivers in crashes

February 20, 2024, New York, NY -- Uber Technologies Inc. sued an auto liability insurer for what it says is a consistent pattern of failing to honor coverage for New York City ride-share drivers who get into accidents. American Transit Insurance Co.'s "unreasonable practices" handling claims has resulted in 23 lawsuits brought against Uber and its drivers over crashes involving bodily injuries, leaving the ride-share giant to pay "substantial amounts" to defend itself, according to the complaint filed late Friday in federal court in New York ...

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MEDICAL CLAIMS

New York woman sentenced to probation and fines in COVID aid fraud schemes

February 8, 2024, New York, NY -- A Brooklyn woman who pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with various pandemic-era relief schemes was sentenced Thursday to three years of probation and \$650,000 in penalties. Prosecutors said Chanette Lewis, 32, carried out some of the schemes by leveraging her job at a call center, part of a New York program meant to provide health care workers with isolation rooms in hotels ...

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