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**MEDICAL**

## **NYC firms say insurers stiff them on COVID-19 claims**

July 5, 2020, Brooklyn, NY -- As shop doors were forced to shutter citywide to help curb the spread of the coronavirus in late March, many owners figured the logical move was to file a “business interruption” insurance claim. Then their insurers interrupted their plans. Many of the claims have been denied, advocates and small ...

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### **Sales rep gets chunk of \$678M New York drug settlement**

July 7, 2020, Long Island, NY -- When Oswald Bilotta landed his dream job as a sales representative for Novartis Pharmaceuticals in 1999, he thought he'd be doing good for society while doing well for himself and his family. He had no idea that just over a decade later, he'd be part of a vast federal investigation into kickbacks at Novartis and that he'd be paying ...

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### **Bogus mask-exemption cards surfacing in New York**

June 30, 2020, New York, NY -- There's a new warning about a bizarre scam surrounding face masks. Federal officials say cards claiming that someone is exempt from wearing a mask in public are fake. One phony card claims businesses trying to enforce the rule by requiring the card carrier to wear a mask will face tens of thousands of dollars in fines. ...

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### **Consumers lose more than \$77M to COVID-19 cons**

July 7, 2020, Washington, DC -- Americans have lost more than \$77 million in COVID-19 fraud since the start of the year, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). But that number misses an unprecedented scope of scams connected to the coronavirus, according to John Breyault, a spokesman for the National Consumers League ...

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### **Feds: Fake national church sells COVID “cure” with bleach**

July 9, 2020, Tallahassee, FL -- A Florida father and sons have continued to sell a potentially deadly bleach product billed as a miracle cure for COVID-19 through a fake church, despite a federal judge ordering them to stop, federal officials said in filing criminal charges against them. Mark Grenon and three sons — Jonathan, Jordon and Joseph ...

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### **More than 80% of hospitals targeted by hack attacks**

July 12, 2020, Boston, MA -- On the day before the July 4 holiday weekend, Mount Auburn Hospital's information technology team identified some unusual activity. Alarmed, they quickly took steps to disconnect the Cambridge hospital's computer system from the internet. They switched to backup manual procedures instead of automatic ones. ...

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### **COVID-19 firms accused of fraud get millions in fed loans**

July 7, 2020, San Diego, CA -- A San Diego ventilator manufacturer agreed to pay more than \$37 million in January to settle a civil lawsuit alleging it defrauded the federal government through illegal kickbacks to suppliers, admitting no guilt. Two months later, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the same company ...

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