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REGULATORY ACTIONS

Cuomo announces action against opioid industry to recover \$2B

September 10, 2019, Albany, NY -- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the Department of Financial Services is taking action against the opioid manufacturers, distributors and pharmacy benefit managers to secure \$2 billion for New York consumers who have shouldered the cost of the ongoing opioid epidemic in the form of higher...

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MEDICAL FRAUD

New York alleges insurers inflate premiums, falsely blame opioids

September 10, 2019, Albany, NY -- Insurance companies bilked New Yorkers out of \$2 billion by overcharging them premiums and blaming it on the opioid epidemic, Gov. Cuomo said Tuesday. The state Department of Financial Services has issued a laundry-list of subpoenas as part of an investigation into the insurance fraud scheme, the...

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WORKERS COMP

New Yorker charged with collecting comp, running own firm

September 6, 2019, Wilson, NY -- A Town of Wilson man has been charged in connection with an allegation of fraud involving the workers' compensation system in New York state. New York State Inspector General Letizia Tagliafierro on Friday announced the arrest Joshua D. Newman, of North Road in Wilson, on charges that he...

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COURT DECISIONS

Fighting no-fault insurance fraud under unfair business practices laws

September 5, 2019, Trenton, NY -- In his Insurance Fraud column, Evan H. Krinick discusses and compares how Florida and New York treat insurance company actions alleging no-fault fraud under their unfair business practices acts—the FDUTPA and GBL §349, respectively. Insurance fraud is not only a New York problem, or even...

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MEDICARE/MEDICAID

New York med transport bribes firms \$8.6M for patients

September 5, 2019, Brooklyn, NY -- Two New York ambulance company owners pleaded guilty today for their roles in a more than \$8.6 million health care kickback scheme. Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Richard P. Donoghue of the Eastern District of New...

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WORKERS COMP

New York labor broker allegedly lies workers are cleaners

September 5, 2019, Manhattan, NY -- Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., New York City Department of Investigation Commissioner Margaret Garnett, and New York State Inspector General Letizia Tagliafierro today announced the indictment of unlicensed labor broker SALVADOR ALMONTE, JR., 38, and insurance broker STEVEN...

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DRUG DIVERSION

Former Greene County nurse pleads guilty in drug case

September 4, 2019, Greene County, NY -- Sarah Brown, age 42, of Acra, Greene County, New York, pled guilty today to conspiring to distribute controlled substances, health care fraud, aggravated identity theft, and obstruction of justice. The announcement was made by United States Attorney Grant C. Jaquith and Special Agent in Charge Ray...

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