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The Business Impact Of COVID On Pediatric Practices

Webinar #23 Thursday September 23, 2021 @ 7:00PM(ET)







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What We Are Not Going To Talk About

- 1. Amount of time providers/staff should self-isolate
- 2. Treatments for people affected
- 3. Predict how long this will last
- 4. Issues that are geographic-specific
- 5. COVID Testing Options
- 6. COVID-19 Vaccine Details (ok, maybe a bit)
- 7. Detailed Human Resource Issues





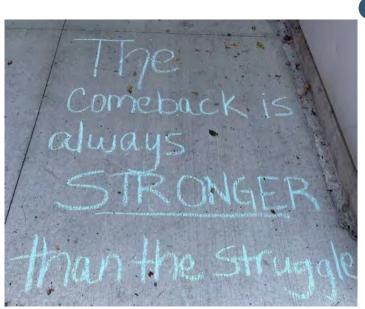
Agenda

- This Week's Focus
- Data Report
- News Roundup
- Guests Molly O'Shea, MD
- Practice Management Issues
 - Used Car Lots
 - Tree Farms
- Homework Assignments

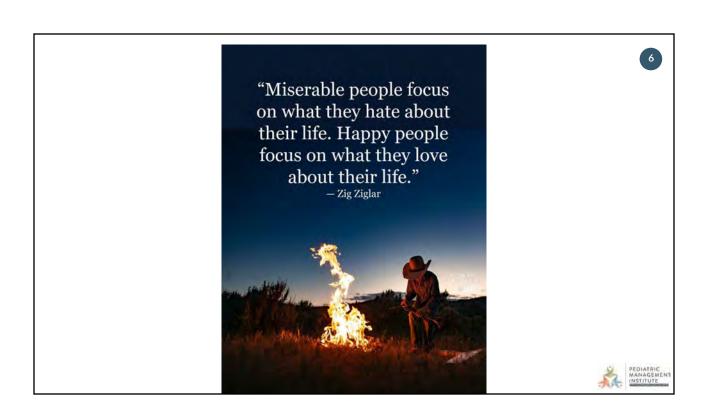
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Focus For The Week...











A message from Dr. Sandy Chung, AAP President-Elect:

"I'm so honored to be elected to serve as your AAP President! THANK YOU for all of your hard work serving children and families in your communities in these challenging times. You are truly our country's frontline healthcare heroes! Please be safe and feel free to reach out to me anytime with feedback at sandychungaap@gmail.com. Sincerely, Sandy"

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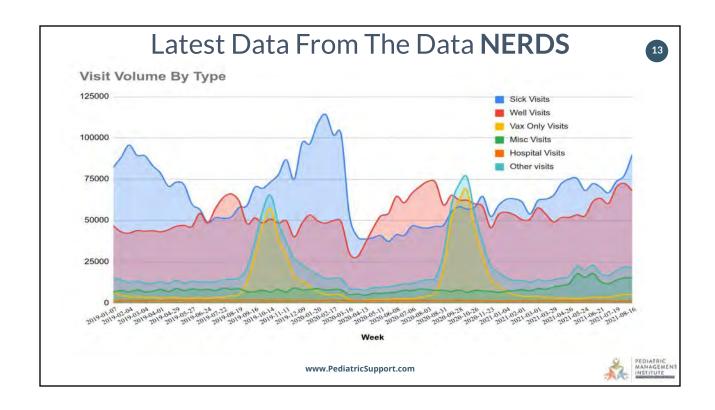
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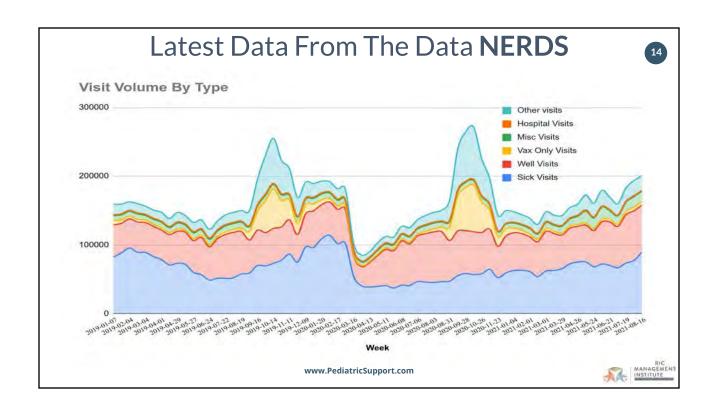
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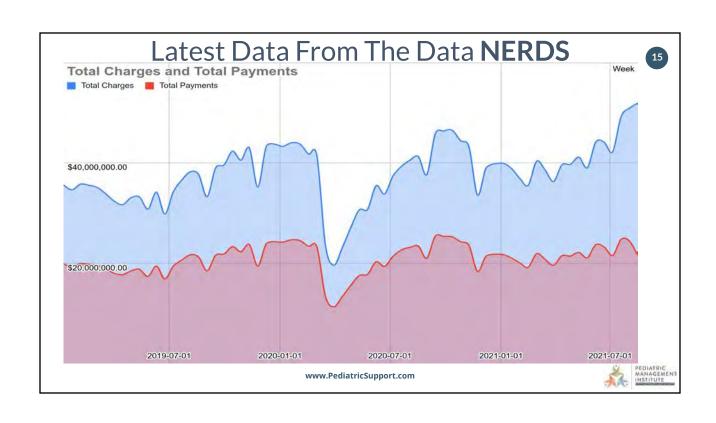
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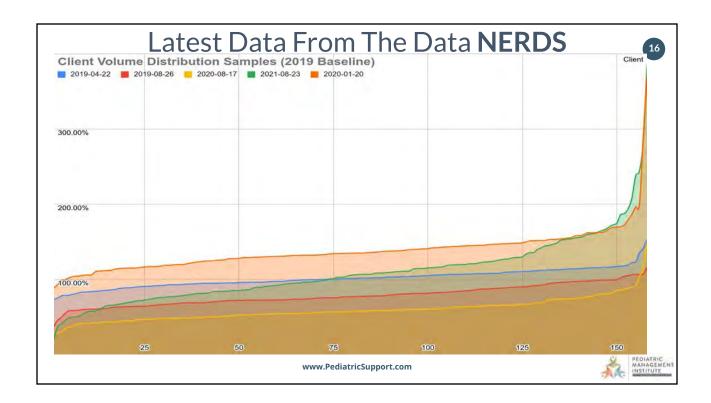
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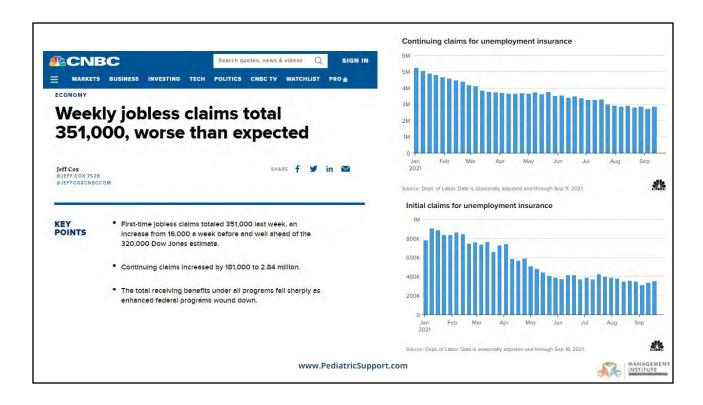


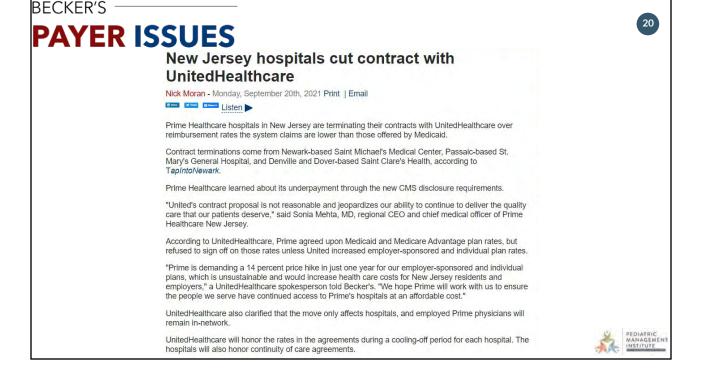












Veritas, Elliott Consider \$20 Billion-Plus Athenahealth Sale

By Michelle F Davis and Scott Deveau September 22, 2021, 8:38 PM CDT Updated on Septemi

Veritas Capital and Elliott Investment Managementare exploring options for Athenahealth Inc. including a sale or initial public offering, according to people familiar with the

Veritas and Elliott are aiming for the health information technology company to be valued at more than \$20 billion in a transaction, said the people, who asked to not be identified because the matter isn't public.

Veritas and Elliott agreed to buy Athenahealth for about \$5.7 billion in 2018, after then-CEO Jonathan Bush, the cousin of George W. Bush, stepped down A deal would come as multiples in health-care IT are booming. The coronavirus pandemic accelerated the need for health systems to adopt digital technologies to transform the way they care for patients, manage their businesses and analyze data. U.S. provider groups and hospitals are facing more pressure to watch their bottom lines after the coronavirus pandemic caused many potential patients to delay procedures, wiping out billions of dollars of revenue. That increased demand for services from companies like Athenahealth.

At the same time, companies across sectors are rushing to complete deals as quickly as possible while debt is still cheap and accessible, bankers say. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said Wednesday the U.S. central bank could begin scaling back asset purchases in November after officials revealed a growing inclination to raise interest rates next year.

Health-care technology companies have announced at least \$44 billion of deals so far this year, a more than three-fold increase compared to last year, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. That includes Nordic Capital and Insight Partners' \$6.4 billion purchase of Inovalon Holdings Inc. (INOV), and UnitedHealth Group Inc. (UNH)'s plan to purchase Change Healthcare Inc. for about \$13 billion, including debt.



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Hospital CFO Report

Financial Management

Families left in the dark about projected costs of their children's hospital stays, Stanford study finds

Alia Paavola - 24 hours ago Print | Email









Despite wanting to have conversations with hospital staff about the projected cost of their children's care, many families are left in the dark, a new study led by Stanford (Calif.) Medicine found.

For the study, published Sept. 21 in JAMA Network Open, researchers surveyed 526 parents of inpatients at six academic medical centers in the U.S.

The researchers found that although 76 percent of families wanted to have conversations about medical costs, just 7 percent of families had these conversations during their child's stay.

The researchers also found that 75 percent of families surveyed were concerned about how much they would need to pay, including 32 percent who were moderately or very concerned.

The researchers also found that about half of parents surveyed wanted to have cost conversations before their child received tests and treatments.

"Part of what we hope this paper will do is to serve as a wake-up call to say, 'We have to better counsel families on the anticipated cost of their child's care," said Hannah Bassett, MD, a clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at Stanford Medicine and the study's lead author.



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SBA quadruples COVID-19 EIDL limit to \$2 million

By Jeff Drew

September 9, 2021









Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program enters supplemental phase

August 11, 2021

Closing date set for new Shuttered Venue Operator Grant applications

July 27 2021

Shuttered Venue Operator Grant awards top \$7.5 billion, SBA says

TOPICS

COVID-19

Management Accounting

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced major modifications to the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program, including raising the loan cap from \$500,000 to \$2 million and adding business debt payments to the list of ways businesses can use the loan proceeds

In a news release issued late Thursday afternoon, the SBA said it was implementing the changes to make it easier for the small business communities still reeling from the pandemic, especially hard-hit sectors such as restaurants, gyms, and hotels, to access the more than \$150 billion in funding available for loans.

The following key changes were announced. All are effective immediately:



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 Increasing the COVID-19 EIDL cap from \$500,000 to \$2 million: Loan proceeds can be used for any normal operating expenses and working capital, including meeting payroll, purchasing equipment, and paying debt. COVID-19 EIDL funds are now also eligible to prepay commercial debt and make payments on federal business debt.

- Increasing the COVID-19 EIDL cap from \$500,000 to \$2 million
- The SBA said small business owners will not have to begin COVID-19 EIDL repayments until two years after loan origination.
 - Payments are deferred for the first two years (during which interest will accrue), and payments of principal and interest are made over the remaining 28 years.
- Establishment of a 30-day exclusivity window:
 - To ensure Main Street businesses have additional time to access these funds, the SBA said it is implementing a 30-day exclusivity window of approving and disbursing funds for loans of \$500,000 or less. Approval and disbursement of loans over \$500,000 will begin after the 30-day period.
- Simplification of affiliation requirements:
 - To ease the COVID-19 EIDL application process for small businesses, the SBA established more simplified affiliation requirements to mimic those of the \$28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund.



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Federal Reserve Signals a Shift Away From Pandemic Support

The Fed said it could soon slow its large-scale purchases of government-backed bonds and indicated it might raise interest rates in 2022.





Jerome H. Powell, the Fed chair, faces a delicate task as inflation is high but the job

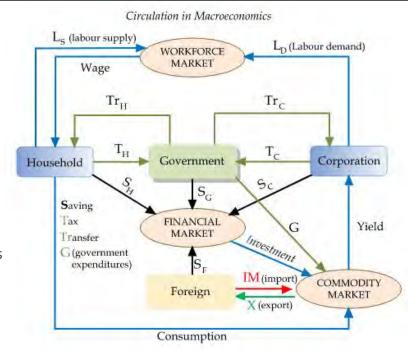


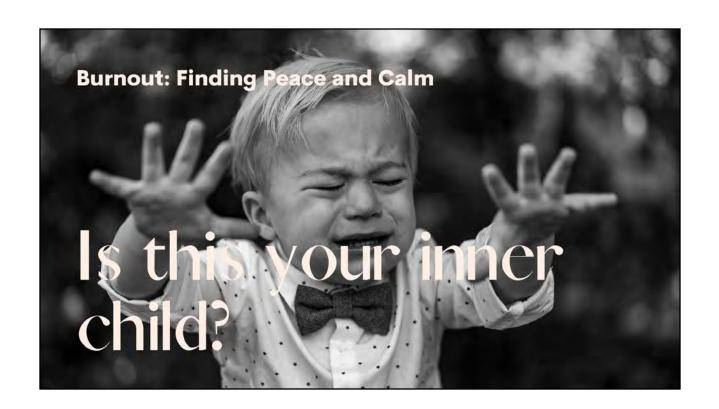
Where Are We Headed?!?

- Monetary Policy
- Access To Credit
- Inflation
- Consumer Spending
- Interest Rates

Concerns:

- Mortgage Deferments
- Student Loan Deferments
- Eviction Ban

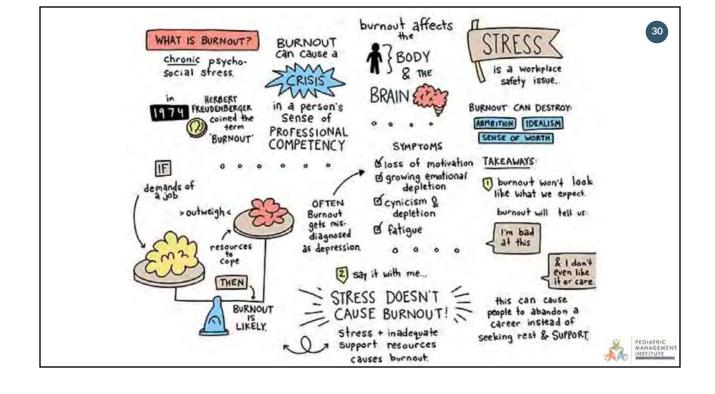




Stress vs Burnout







How do you cope at work?

How do you help your employees cope?



Set boundaries
Take control where you can
Have 'hard conversations'
Build in recovery time



Reward creative thinking
Reinforce organization values
Appreciate efforts each day
Give control when possible
Encourage/build in recovery time

FINDING BALANCE AND CALM





EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Behavior and decisions your children and employees make have nothing to do with you.

Think 'what do they need' or 'what are they trying to tell me' rather than what did I do.

RECOVERY TIME



15 minutes per day



30 minutes per day



60 minutes per day

BOTTOM LINE

Shift Your Mindset About Your Kids, Parenting, and Work
Connect with Others (Especially Your Partner!)

Take Time To Care For Yourself
Set Boundaries at Work and Home
Farm Out/Delegate Work at Home and Work

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Practice Management Issues

Last Two Webinars:

- Provider Compensation
- Practice Valuation
- Finding Good Help
- Pediatric Practice Management Calendar
- Responsibility Matrix
- Scheduling Guide
- Checkbook Reconciliation

Over a dozen for tonight!

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TSA Scales Up To Demand









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Before COVID available for under 12 Y.O.





Telemedicine Revival?

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Shift the easy stuff?



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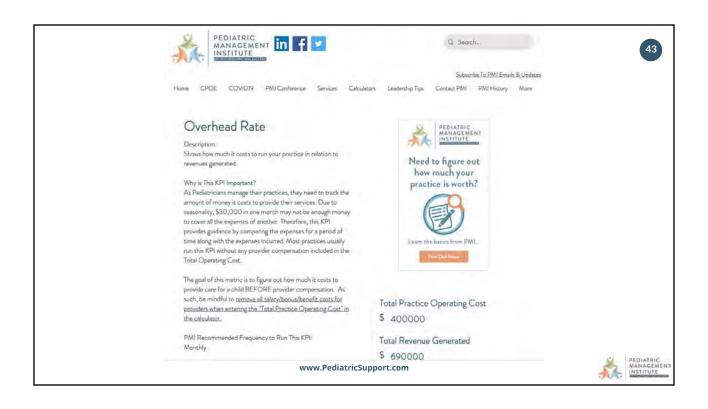
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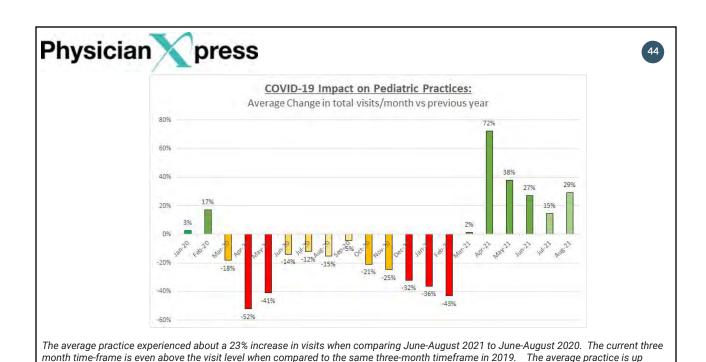


Why Is My Gross Collection Rate Plummeting?!?

...not always a bad thing.







about 4% for YTD visits compared to the same time frame in 2020. The change in total number of visits varies across practices.

Cash Disconnect

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- Most practices correlate partner/owner earnings to the net income of the practice (operating income)
- Normally available balance cash = net profit
- PPP forgiveness throws things off as originally a loan that was forgiven. (Not recognized as income.)
 - Instead "Other Income" listed at the bottom of the Income Statement



What To Do?!?

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- "Unearned" cash sitting in the practice's bank account
- Distribution (How determined?)
- Stock Redemption / Equity Cash Out?
 - Specifically scrutinized by IRS
 - Can readily claim the funds were spent on items used to support forgiveness...simply pushing the cash out.
- Tax free cash sitting in the bank account. Work with your accountant to figure the best way to allocate these funds.



Whaddya Doin' Wednesday September 29?!?





- Phase 4 General Distribution \$17 billion based on providers' lost revenues and changes in operating expenses from July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.
 - To promote equity and to support providers with the most need. HRSA will:
 - Reimburse a higher percentage of lost revenues and expenses for smaller providers as compared to larger providers.
 - Provide "bonus" payments based on the amount of services they provide to Medicaid, CHIP, and Medicare patients, priced at the generally higher Medicare rates.
- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural \$8.5 billion based on the amount of services providers furnish to Medicaid/CHIP and Medicare beneficiaries living in Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)-defined rural areas.
 - To promote equity, HRSA will price payments at the generally higher Medicare rates for Medicaid/CHIP patients.



- 75% of the Phase 4 allocation will calculated based on revenue losses and COVID-related expenses.
 - Large providers will receive a minimum payment amount that is based on a percentage of their lost revenues and COVID-related expenses.
 - Medium and small providers will receive a base payment plus a supplement, with small providers receiving the highest supplement, as smaller providers tend to operate on thin margins and often serve vulnerable or isolated communities.
- HHS will determine the exact amount of the base payments and supplements after analyzing data from all the applications received to ensure we stay within our budget and funds are distributed equitably.
- No provider will receive a Phase 4 payment that exceeds 100% of their losses and expenses.
- HHS will continue to use risk mitigation and cost containment measures in Phase 4 to protect program integrity and preserve taxpayer dollars.
- 25% of the Phase 4 allocation will be put towards bonus payments that are based on the amount and type of services provided to Medicaid, CHIP, and Medicare patients.



ARP Rural Distribution: Providers who serve Medicaid, CHIP, and Medicare patients who live in rural communities are eligible for the ARP Rural payments.

- HHS will make payments to providers based on the amount and type of Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) services provided to rural patients.
- HHS will price Medicaid and CHIP claims data at Medicare rates, with some limited exceptions for some services provided predominantly in Medicaid and CHIP.
- Providers who serve any patients living in Federal Office of Rural Health Policy-defined rural areas with Medicaid, CHIP, or Medicare coverage, and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria, will receive a minimum payment.

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Dr. Price had an incredible impact on children's health policy in Texas. With patient determination he helped pass policies related to seat belts, booster seats, insurance coverage of childhood vaccinations, bicycle helmet safety, prevention of the sale of tobacco to minors, fluoridation of water to reduce tooth decay, and Early Childhood Intervention, among other important laws. He was instrumental in launching and growing the Reach Out and Read program in Austin to boost early childhood literacy.

Dr. Price once shared with me that what motivated him to advocate was "children too often were last in line" in policy debates. He used his voice as a trusted pediatrician to draw attention to what worked to prevent child injury and deaths as well as save taxpayer dollars.

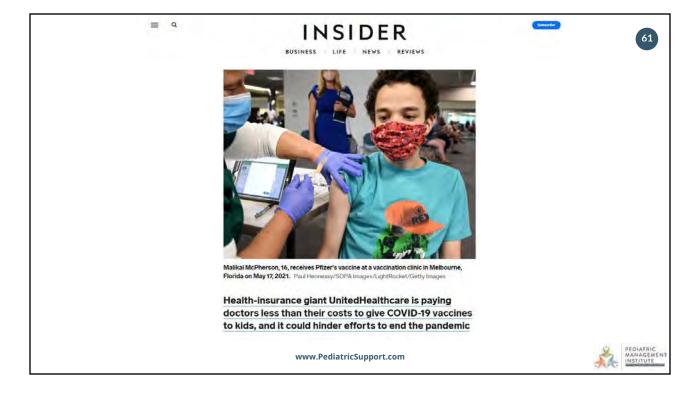


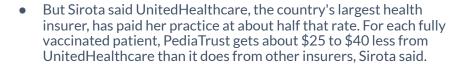


UHC Continues To Stink It Up...

COVID Admin Fees
COVID Testing









- Allied Physicians Group, a large pediatrics practice with more than 30 offices in New York, has doled out 7,500 doses since it started vaccinating patients in May, said Dr. Brad Fell, a pediatrician who oversees billing and compliance for the group. While most health insurers have paid Allied \$40 per dose, UnitedHealthcare's payments
- range from \$13 to \$23 per shot, he said.
- Dr. Steven Abelowitz, medical director for an Orange County, California, pediatric practice called Coastal Kids, said multiple payers, including UnitedHealthcare, had been paying far below \$40 until July.
- "It makes the difference between making this possible for pediatricians to do versus not," Dr. Sue Kressly, who works on insurance issues at the American Academy of Pediatrics, said of UnitedHealthcare's low payments.



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Compassion Fatigue





Used Car Lots







Used Car Lots





N.	Units	Rate		Total	
Buy Cars	4	\$	1,500	\$	6,000
Sell Cars	4	\$	1,750	\$	7,000

Profit: \$ 1,000

1-Month Rol: 16.67%

Profit If Flipped 12 Times: \$ 12,000

Annual Rol: 200%



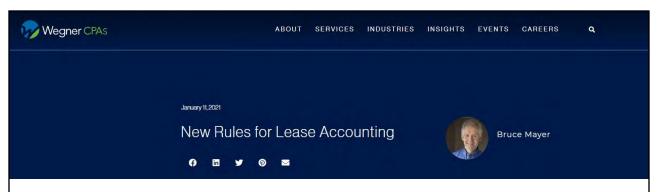


\$	17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	
	3.00%	5.00%	7.00%	
\$	525	\$ 875	\$ 1,225	
	12	12	12	
\$	6,300	\$10,500	\$14,700	
Rol On Inventory		60.00%	84.00%	
	\$	3.00% \$ 525 12	3.00% 5.00% \$ 525 \$ 875 12 12 \$ 6,300 \$10,500	

Tight inventory management is key!

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Capitalizing Operating Leases

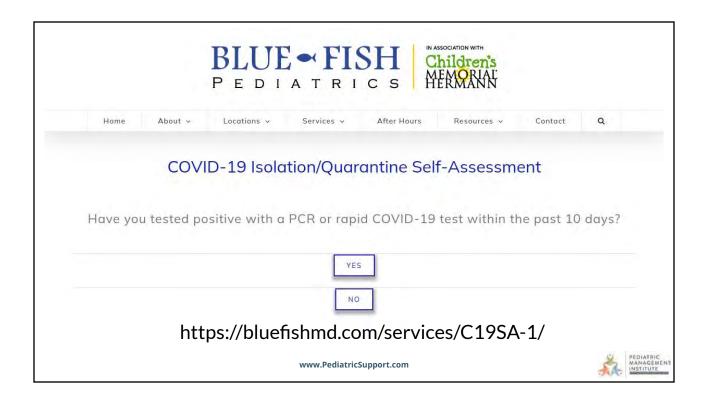
The new rule, FASB ASU (Accounting Standards Update) 2016.02, will require that all leases with a term over one year must be capitalized effective for years beginning after 12/15/2021. This will cover existing leases and early adoption is permitted. This new rule applies only to operating leases and not to leases that already were required to be capitalized.

Operating leases will need to be recorded as equal and offsetting amounts of assets and liabilities. This will not change the amount of equity but will significantly change the debt to equity ratio. The amount to be recorded will be the present value of the future lease payments.

Major Change to Your Balance Sheet

If you lease space or equipment under an operating agreement you will now need to capitalize those amounts. In the example below a cooperative starting out paying rent of \$100,000 per year with a 3% increase per year over 20 years will record an asset and a liability of about \$1.8 million. If they have a debt covenant on another loan this may well cause them to be in default. Some cooperatives are requesting loan modifications to indicate that a change in accounting rules will not be considered to cause a violation of a debt covenant. It is advisable to look at what your cooperative may need to capitalize in 2020 and take that into account when talking to lenders. The calculation to determine the amount to capitalize will take time. You need to determine which leases it applies to and then gather all of the information needed for the calculation. As the implementation date gets closer we expect that there will be software products available to assist in the calculations.







Budgeting

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RVU-based bonuses for providers

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Physicians vs. Extenders

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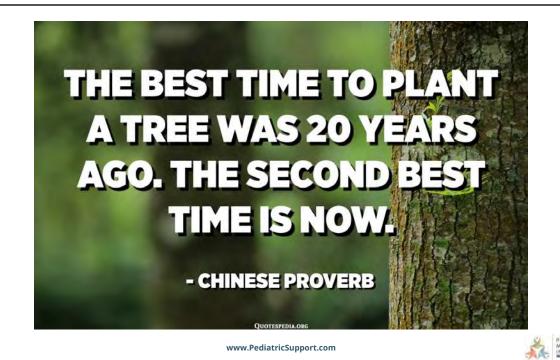
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Finding Good People

History of good/bad HR management is showing the fractures...

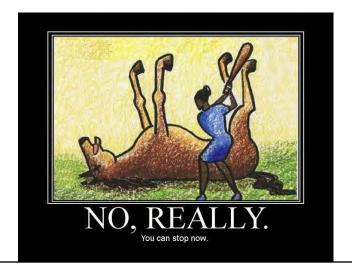
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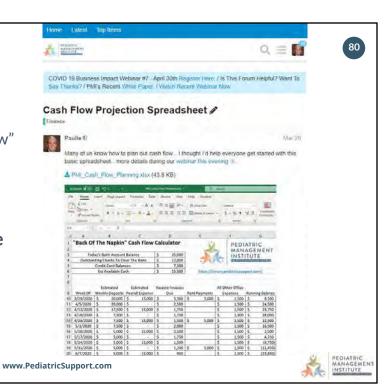


Cash Flow Planning

Goto Forum and search "Cash Flow"

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Check Your Vaccine Invoice Due Dates!



Nothing Wrong With Being Over-Prepared

- Manage Your Cash -
- Manage Your Expenses -
- Defer Owner Bonuses/Deferred Comp Until End Of 2021 -

Worse case, the amount due to owners/partners end up being much larger at end of the year...

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Homework

- HRSA Phase 4 Distribution & Rural Providers
 - Wednesday Sept 29th
- PMI Conference
 - o Pre-Conferences Are Filling Up!
 - Registration
 - Hotel
- Cash Flow Planning
- Practice Budget
- EIDL Loan Expansion
- Review with accountant lease-related issues
- Contact UHC About COVID-Related Codes

