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WPHFMA Holiday Event

Thursday, November 30th

Treesdale Golf & Country Club
Gibsonia, PA 15044

Better Together - ACHE of Western PA Networking Happy Hour

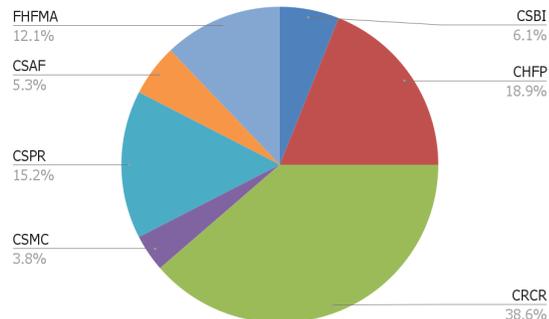
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Wigle Whiskey Distillery
2401 Smallman Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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National News

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[Evaluation of Phase II of the](#)

[DHS Expanded Types of Providers Eligible to Practice and Bill for Street Medicine](#)

[Pittsburgh Nurses Rally for 31% Hike in Starting Wage](#)

[UPMC, Washington Ink Definitive Merger Agreement](#)

[SEIU and Healthcare PA Union Members Picket as Contract Negotiations Stall in Westmoreland County](#)

[Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design Model Test](#)

[CMS Publishes Final Rule Regarding CMPs for Late Reporting by Medicare Secondary Payers](#)

[The Cigna Group Declares Quarterly Dividend](#)

HFMA News

[Hospital, Physician Advocates Disagree Over the Role of Physician-Owned Hospitals as Policymakers Ramp up Focus](#)

[In Response to a Congressional RFI, Provider Advocates Give Input on Ways to Bolster Rural Healthcare](#)

[Amid Positive Signs Financially, Hospitals Continue to Grapple with High Costs in Labor and Other Areas](#)

Live Webinars

[Oct 31: Financial Impact of Remote Care Management - Case Study](#)

Healthcare leaders and organizations are uniquely positioned to embrace innovation and focus on creative ways to reduce hospital length of stay (LOS). This webinar describes how a simple concept of moving "functions" of care management remotely produced improved outcomes in areas not initially anticipated, resulting in more than just a financial return on investment. Learn firsthand from a healthcare organization and a revenue cycle provider as they take you through a case study and share how they were able not only to reduce LOS but also to increase retention, maximize bed capacity and ensure efficient patient throughput. These strategies will enable your organization to provide positive patient, staff and organizational outcomes. Sponsored by: AMN Healthcare

[Nov 1: The Big Picture: Month-End Close \(October 2023\)](#)

Our monthly financial results do not occur in a vacuum. They are the product of various economic, social, political, and other macro-environmental forces that regularly combine with business strategy to yield a profit or loss. Unfortunately, the demands of daily finance and accounting work often disconnect us from the "bigger picture." This webinar will help healthcare leaders keep their finger on the pulse of change and put their monthly operating results into context. Monitor the latest news and trends in healthcare finance. Identify ways to narrate your business performance for a larger audience.

[Nov 2: 10 Ways to Accelerate Your Claims](#)

Is your organization struggling to get money in the door? If you're in healthcare, the answer is yes. It's time to accelerate your payment period. This webinar will offer revenue

cycle best practices for improving your overall claims process, with strategies from the front desk to the back office. Learn how to analyze your revenue cycle holistically and concentrate your efforts on strategic areas of improvement — getting the right information at the right time, decreasing errors and denials, sending out cleaner claims, focusing on smarter follow-up, reducing the number of touches. You know your processes better than anyone. This webinar will help you make them even more effective and efficient. Sponsored by: AKASA

[Nov 8: The Latest on Healthcare Price Transparency](#)

Join this webinar to hear from leading experts on the latest requirements and impacts of federal healthcare price transparency. From the latest on why some hospitals have incurred purposes, enforcement measures, foresights into mandatory templates and new transparency requirements on the horizon. Also hear how price transparency may be impacting hospital and health system negotiations with payers and pricing strategies. In partnership with American Health Information Management Association.

[Nov 9: Overcome Workforce Challenges: Improve the Patient Experience](#)

The healthcare industry has been facing various workforce challenges that have significantly impacted the patient experience, including the handling of payments. As patients age and technology improves, it is important not to leave any patient behind but to meet patients where they are by providing options for their preferred payment and communication methods. Learn firsthand from two healthcare organizations and a payment service provider about the importance of continuing to prioritize the patient experience while navigating through the post-pandemic era challenges. Identify ways to adopt technology that supports the financial health of your organization while enhancing the patient experience. Sponsored by: US Bank

[Nov 16: Navigating Denial Prevention: Insights for Impactful Results](#)

In the realm of denial management, 31% of healthcare finance professionals say they prioritize denial prevention, yet this isn't where they allocate the bulk of their revenue cycle resources. Due to the persistence of outdated technology and predominantly manual processes, denial claims remain a pervasive industry challenge. Left unaddressed, these denials can result in an average loss of up to 5% of net patient revenue. To proactively manage denials, healthcare organizations must establish a robust strategy that integrates the right insights, tools and resources to effectively stay ahead of this issue. Sponsored by: Waystar

[Dec 5: Region 8 HFMA: Current Issues in Business Ethics 2023](#)

Boz Bostrom will provide participants with an update on business ethics issues. There will be a focus on learning from real-world ethical violations involving accounting and finance professionals.

[Dec 6: The Big Picture: Month-End Close \(November 2023\)](#)

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[Dec 7: Decoding Patient Financial Trends](#)

In the ever-changing landscape of healthcare finance, grasping the shifting consumer perspective on how providers engage financially with patients is crucial for sustained success in 2024. Join Erlanger Health System and CarePayment experts as they decode

trends in patient financial engagement from 2023, and how Understanding these trends can pave the way for provider success in 2024. Sponsored by: CarePayment

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