



# Risk Management SNAPSHOT

Current issues and hot topics  
in healthcare risk management.



## The New Playbook for Ditching Dangerous Senior Meds

A new tool presented by the American Geriatrics Society may help clinicians find safer medication alternatives for geriatric patients.

According to the Medscape article [The New Playbook for Ditching Dangerous Senior Meds](#), a panel of clinicians and researchers spent months identifying and reviewing safer options for high-risk medications. The tool will be utilized with the AGS Beers criteria. The tool will be accessible in an upcoming issue of the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society and here <http://geriatricscareonline.org>



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## Inside Claim Denials for Nursing Homes, and Best Tips to Maximize Success Through MDS Coding

Nationwide, nursing homes are struggling financially. This problem is exacerbated by decreased revenue caused by improper coding. A recent article in Skilled Nursing News investigates the challenges nursing homes face with claim denials and offers strategies to enhance success through effective Minimum Data Set (MDS) coding.



The article [Inside Claim Denials for Nursing Homes and Best Tips to Maximize Success Through MDS Coding](#) states that incorrect coding causes annual revenue losses of \$25,000 to \$30,00 per nursing home. There are many factors behind this. Read the article to learn more and gain some tips to improve reimbursement.

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### **Financial**

*Decisions that affect the financial sustainability of the organization, access to capital or external financial ratings through business relationships or the timing and recognition of revenue and expenses make up this domain. Risks might include: capital structure, credit and interest rate fluctuations, foreign exchange, growth in programs and facilities, capital equipment, regulatory fines and penalties, budgetary performance, accounts receivable, days of cash on hand, capitation contracts, reimbursement rates, managed care contracts, revenue cycle/billing and collection.*

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## ISMP's Updated Guidelines



The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) has revised their guidelines which are focused on issues that deal with how information about medications is communicated in electronic formats.

ISMP outlines six main areas to focus on:

- Safe presentation of drug names.
- Presentation of doses, dosing units, weights, measures, and directions.
- Safe presentation of selection menus and search options.
- Safe presentation of complete medication orders or prescriptions.
- Design features of electronic systems related to medication information.
- Design features of electronic systems must address patient information associated with medication safety.

[Download the complete guidelines for free.](#)

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## Clinical Study Links CBD Use with Liver Damage



A recently published study by the FDA showed elevated liver enzymes in some trial participants with daily use of CBD.

Many CBD products readily available to consumers are unregulated. CBD use has increased in the U.S. as more products become available.

[MedpageToday](#) reports that a small percentage (5.6%) of daily CBD users exhibited significant liver enzyme elevations in a study published in [JAMA Internal Medicine](#) in July 2025.

The implications of these findings suggest that further research is needed to determine the safety of these products. In the study, liver enzymes returned to normal within 1-2 weeks of discontinuing CBD. Clinicians should consider screening patients with elevated liver enzymes for CBD use.

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## 3 Ways to Improve Cybersecurity Amid Healthcare's Cyber Crisis

Recent cyber attacks on healthcare facilities call for improvements in cybersecurity efforts. A "white paper" recently released by the *Advisory Board* discusses challenges to effective cybersecurity, reasons for readdressing efforts, and recommendations for improvement.

*Advisory Board* outlines the changing landscape, including:

- Increased integration between vendors, providers, and plans.
- More prevalent and advanced ransomware and targeted attacks.
- Additional regulatory scrutiny.
- Rising consumer awareness about data security.

We recommend downloading the free report, available through [Becker's Hospital Review](#).





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## Joint Commission to Cut More Than 700 Hospital Standards in Accreditation Overhaul

The Joint Commission is making major revisions to its accreditation standards, effective January 1, 2026. Called “Accreditation 360: The New Standard,” the changes are described by the organization as “the most significant, comprehensive evolution of Joint Commission’s accreditation process since 1965.”



*Fierce Healthcare* reports that the new standards will be available online and fully searchable beginning July 2025. [Click here](#) to read the full article, or visit the Joint Commission website to access “[Accreditation 360: The New Standard](#).”

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*Risk within this domain incorporates the failure to identify, manage and monitor legal, regulatory, and statutory mandates on a local, state and federal level. Such risks are generally associated with fraud and abuse, licensure, accreditation, product liability, management liability, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and Conditions for Coverage (CfC), as well as issues related to intellectual property.*