



This Week in **Physician-Led Care**: *Clips from News Sources*
Week Ending July 2, 2020

Modern Healthcare: (7/1) – The FTC recently released new vertical merger guidelines, but experts in the health care world warn that the guidelines do not go far enough to prevent anticompetitive mergers and acquisitions in the healthcare industry.

Public News Service: (7/1) – Rural clinics in Kentucky have faced challenges providing primary care during COVID-19, with many rural health clinics primarily serving Medicaid recipients who also lack the reliable broadband capacity needed to conduct telehealth appointments.

Health Payer Intelligence: (6/30) – While value-based contracting was expected to pause during the pandemic, payers are increasingly expanding value-based contracting to support local independent primary care practices and their transition to value-based care.

Revcycle Intelligence: (6/30) – A new study in Health Affairs estimates that primary care practices will lose over \$65,000 in revenue per full-time physician from March to May 2020, leading to a \$15 billion hit for primary care practices from the early COVID-19 response.

Medical Economics: (6/30) – This episode of Medical Economics Pules with guest Farzad Mostashari discusses why many practices that have adopted value-based care have been able to stay afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New York Times: (6/29) – While many patients are turning to their primary care physicians for coronavirus tests, many providers lack the equipment to provide the tests or get answers about how to obtain them.

BizJournals: (6/29) – Digital health solutions have prevailed during the COVID-19 pandemic, setting the stage for digital health to have a broader role in the coordination and management of health care.

The New Yorker: (6/29) – While COVID-19 has disrupted patient care and hospital and practice finances, the pandemic has also exacerbated the health care industry's unsteady foundation, taking attention and resources away from patients who need other types of care.

MedCityNews: (6/28) – While many health plans have begun to implement value-based contracting, they are attempting to build these initiatives on an infrastructure that lacks the needed scale, transparency, and efficiency to succeed.

Modern Healthcare: (6/25) – In this op-ed, Merrill Gozner calls for the end of fee-for-service medicine and the need to put payment reform back on the table, highlighting that value-based payment has helped hospitals and practices get through the COVID-19 pandemic as capitated payments continued and helped providers focus on care management.

