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Valley Hope Solutions has been providing billing and administrative services for behavioral health issues for more than 50 years, we are even more focused today on keeping our stakeholders informed of leading stories and issues pertaining to our ever-changing industry. We hope this serves to be an informative resource, while providing helpful tips, networking events and educational opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of Valley Hope Solutions - enjoy the journey with us!

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*National
Cheesecake Day*



July 30th is National Cheesecake Day, a day to treat yourself with a slice (or two) of this decadent dessert made of cream cheese, eggs, sugar, and a graham cracker crust. Believed to have originated in ancient Greece, cheesecakes, whether baked or chilled, have become a restaurant and bakery staple around the world.



NEW PRESCRIPTION FOR OPIOID CRISIS: HARD-HITTING ADS THAT "NAIL" THE DESPERATION

A construction worker deliberately slams a door on his arm. Another young man grabs a hammer, takes three breaths, and brings it down on his hand. A young woman aims her car at wall of trash bins, unbuckles her seat belt — and hits the gas.

That is the gist of three powerful TV commercials produced by the Truth Initiative that were unveiled Thursday on "Today" and aim to do to the deadly opioid epidemic what the group's earlier ads did to the scourge of tobacco — scare people away from trying them in the first place.

"They are powerful. They are honest. They are a little raw," Robin Koval told NBC's Cynthia McFadden. And, she added, they're true descriptions of the lengths people addicted to opioids have gone to in order to get new painkiller prescriptions...

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HOUSE PASSES BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION ON OPIOIDS

The House on Friday voted 396 to 14 to send the Senate more than 50 bills aimed at tackling the opioid crisis, which is claiming more than 115 lives each day in the U.S.

The bills, nearly all of which were bipartisan, were wrapped into a single package, named the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6). They aim to study the crisis and treatment efforts, increase treatment options and bed space, aid the development of non-addictive pain treatments, fight trafficking of counterfeit and illicit drugs, and more.

"For too long, embarrassment and stigma surrounded the disease of addiction," House Energy and Commerce Chairman Greg Walden, R-Oregon, said. "It's time for that to change. If you're struggling with addiction, if you're fighting that invisible battle, please know that it's okay to seek help."

He continued, "Opioid overdoses take the lives of more than 100 lives each day. One thousand people will go to the emergency room in the next 24 hours suffering an overdose from opioids. We don't want those people to become part of that deadly statistic," adding, ...

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FEDS CHARGE 600 IN OPIOD FRAUD THAT BILKED \$2B FROM GOVERNMENT AND INSURERS

The Justice Department on Thursday announced charges against 601 people, including 76 physicians, for allegedly taking part in multi-billion-dollar profit-making schemes involving opioid painkillers.

The arrests come as the result of what the department called the largest health care fraud takedown ever in the U.S., with Attorney General Jeff Sessions calling the crimes "despicable" in a statement.

"In many cases, doctors, nurses and pharmacists take advantage of people suffering from drug addiction in order to line their pockets," Sessions stated.

The charges in part involve billing government programs Medicare and Medicaid along with private insurers for medically unneeded prescription drugs, resulting ...

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CHANGE HEALTHCARE MODULE AIMS TO ANTICIPATE NEED FOR ATTACHMENTS

Change Healthcare has unveiled new technology that is intended to help providers anticipate payers' requests for attachments to medical claims in order to justify payment.

Claims attachments—additional documentation verifying the services provided and justifying why they were performed—have historically resulted in non-automated approaches to the claims submission process that have short-circuited timely payment.

At the HFMA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Change Healthcare said its Assurance Attach Assist module, part of its Assurance Reimbursement Management suite of solutions, can anticipate the documentation requirements of eight payers. By determining what supporting documentation is needed, providers can eliminate some of the typical back-and-forth communication that may prolong payment cycles, the company contends.

In addition to using edits to proactively identify claims that need additional documentation, the new module...

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Valley Hope Solutions Services include:

- Experts in Electronic Insurance Claim Submission
- Stringent Collection follow-up process
- Eligibility and Benefit Verification Services
- Insurance Contract Negotiations and SCA
- Administrative/Operational Consulting Services
- Boutique Billing (Specialty Services)
- Specialized Consulting For All Your Business And Accreditation Needs
- Peer Coaching

