AMA in the News: September 2021

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1. **Health insurance market grows increasingly concentrated, report says: 7 things to know**
   *Becker’s Hospital Review, Sept. 29, 2021*
   The American Medical Association published its annual report on the state of health insurance competition on Sept. 28.

2. **I fear COVID-19 is pushing young physicians out of medicine**
   *STAT, Sept. 27, 2021*
   Gerald E. Harmon, MD, AMA president, voiced concerns about the toll the pandemic is taking on young physicians, highlighting burnout and again urging vaccinations.

3. **Opioid prescriptions fell over past decade while drug overdose deaths climbed: AMA report**
   *The Hill, Sept. 21, 2021*
   Physicians have prescribed 44 percent less opioids over the past decade, yet fatal and nonfatal drug overdoses have continued to climb, according to a new report from the American Medical Association (AMA).
Lawmakers don't care for patients. Doctors do.
*MedPage Today*, Sept. 18, 2021

On Sept. 1, Texas Senate Bill 8 went into effect. While the law's stated goal is to severely limit a woman's constitutional right to an abortion in Texas, it also designates private citizens to sue not just abortion providers but anyone "aiding and abetting" a woman seeking to obtain an abortion after 6 weeks of gestation. (Free registration is required to view content.)

AMA calls on doctors to immediately stop prescribing ivermectin for COVID
*MSNBC*, Sept. 1, 2021

“We are asking doctors to … follow established guidelines and do the right, safest thing for their patients and stay on the side of science here,” says Gerald Harmon, MD, president of the American Medical Association, on their calls for doctors to stop prescribing ivermectin.