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NATIONAL
- Six things to know about CMS' new bundled payment model
- The big bang is coming in health care, and it will spark the next industrial revolution
- Medical industry trends toward more openness after errors
- Hospitals' best-laid plans upended by disaster
- CMS to form interagency group to review Stark Law: 4 things to know
- Cardiologists Say Recent CMS Decision Undermines Value-Based Care Efforts
- Short-term spending agreement provides longer-term relief for CHIP
- Senate confirms Alex Azar as Trump's new health secretary
- New federal office to protect consciences, religious objections of health care professionals
- Apple Is Making It Way Easier to Access Your Medical Records on Your iPhone
- 340B Drug Program Sees Massive Changes on the Horizon
- CMS announces 58 ACOs participating in Next Generation
- Deputy CMS administrator in charge of Medicaid to step down next month
- Cadillac tax delayed in funding deal
- CMS head Verma accused of ethics violation related to waiver applications

NORTHEAST
(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont)

CONNECTICUT
- Western Connecticut Health Network announces new pediatric care partnership
- CT Children's pediatric services expanded to Western CT
- Hartford HealthCare president says company must keep up with ‘blinding’ change
- Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital Opens Advanced NICU
- CT Med Board reprimands New Haven doctor, disciplines two others
- Trinity Health names Dadlez successor
- Trinity Health partnership to form nonprofit generic drug company

MAINE
- Mercy Hospital gets $5M boost for Fore River project
- Maine Med receives five-star rating from federal agency
MASSACHUSETTS

- Brigham and Children’s hospitals each get $50m gift
- Massachusetts Nurses Association plans protest of Springfield Vibra closing at Leicester hospital
- Morton Hospital files 90-day notice to close maternity unit
- Philanthropists Donate $100 Million To 2 Boston Hospitals
- Harvard Bioscience snaps up lab equipment firm for $70M
- Mass. primary care experience improves

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire considers safeguards against balance billing
- Concord Hospital Offers $51.5 Million in Community Care

NEW YORK

- Ti hospital’s $9.1M renovation on track
- All Metro Health Care Rebrands as Simplura Health Group
- One Brooklyn Health gets $664 million infusion to improve services
- New Brooklyn health system forms with $700M cash infusion from Cuomo
- New York residents lose legal fight to reopen hospital that closed almost 6 years ago
- Mount Sinai Health System to affiliate with South Nassau Communities Hospital
- New York hospital undergoes $500M makeover

RHODE ISLAND

- Rhode Island physician sues 4 newspapers for defamation
- Calls for universal health care renewed in Rhode Island
- 4 local hospitals named ‘Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence’
- CNE, Partners plan definitive merger agreement
- Brown University vision for R.I. health care would gather specialty hospitals with Lifespan

VERMONT

- Dartmouth-Hitchcock CEO: Region needs health workers
- Agencies upgrade UVM Health Network to ‘A’ bond ratings

MID- ATLANTIC / EAST
(Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)

DELAWARE

- Rebooted website to offer transparency as changes are made to state healthcare spending
How do doctors help Del. economy? With $4.8 billion impact

Dept. of Health embraces value-based care through Medicaid contracts

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Southeast DC Left in Need of Maternity Care After Birthing Wards Close

Gray tables his bid for subpoena powers of United Medical Center officials — for now

’Siri, how healthy am I?’ MedStar among the first to test Apple’s health records feature.

MARYLAND

PRMC among top hospitals in nationwide survey, gets 5-star rating in key areas

Elkton hospital to merge with LifeBridge Health

All-payer hospital program in Maryland saved money—but didn’t change utilization

Value-based care program in Maryland scores well on costs, but not quality

CareFirst makes final push for Supreme Court to hear breach case

Baltimore health technology firm receives first outside venture capital investment

Takoma Park officials ‘stunned’ to learn hospital’s plan to reduce health facilities

Despite assurances, new ordinance, Havre de Grace residents remain concerned about hospital closing

Doctors group promotes its economic impact in Maryland

Union Hospital to merge with LifeBridge Health

Md. to receive over $1 million settlement in alleged falsified dental services claims suit

CMS authorizes federal investigation of Baltimore hospital for patient dumping

NEW JERSEY

Physician-owned Advocare looks to enter urgent care market

High flu activity pushing NJ hospitals to capacity

Hackensack University Medical Center’s tax exemption appealed by City Council

Merck-backed biotech startup launches in Union

Cooper, Inspira combine cardiac units in Southern NJ

PENNSYLVANIA

State tells hospitals to notify patients of charity care status

St. Luke's opens first LV pediatric dialysis center

UHS to terminate management agreement with Texas hospital

Jefferson, Magee complete merger

New deal between UPMC, Highmark extends in-network access

Nursing home chain at odds with union over sick, vacation pay
VIRGINIA
- UVa doubles down on patient safety after $5M fine
- Everett: Virginia, Modernize Nurse Practitioner Laws
- Wilson: Nurse practitioner modernization bill will help Roanoke’s health care system
- Failed hospital bill revived by Virginia Senate committee
- Bill To Extend Rural Hospital’s License Strikes Nerve
- Pop health tech improves medical group’s ACO performance with Medicare wellness visits
- Virginia’s Prescription Monitoring Program now connected to North Carolina’s
- Senator wants to end hospitals’ exemption from antitrust laws

WEST VIRGINIA
- Cornerstone Healthcare joins WVU Camden Clark Medical Center
- Jerome A. Gilbert: Hospital acquisition will benefit all
- From emergency to excess, lawmakers question DHHR funding
- WV hospitals could lose $15M for low-income care
- Settlement ends case in Huntington hospital buyout
- CAMC posts $30M loss in 2017; CEO says additional layoffs not expected
- Bill calls for modernization of Hopemont hospital
- Cabell Huntington Hospital, Steel of West Virginia agree to settle issues in hospital acquisition

CENTRAL
(Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)

IOWA
- Flu patients wait up to 7 hours for ER treatment at U of Iowa Hospitals
- Guttenberg Municipal Hospital names interim CEO
- University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics CEO to retire
- Iowa hospitals brace for double-digit cut in Medicare drug program
- Mercy Health Network acquires Elkader hospital

KANSAS
- Topeka health care company fined over records handling
- Kansas long-term care providers struggle financially
- Acquisition expands OP screening company’s reach

MINNESOTA
- UnitedHealth and Walgreens are mixing urgent care with pharmacy
New health care notification system now active in Carlton County

Minnesota Hospitals Gave Away More Than $200M in Free Care in 2016

Cardiovascular Systems Inc. appoints Rhonda Robb as chief operating officer

MISSOURI

First Look: BJC unveils two new towers on Washington University Medical Campus

Prescription deal expands SSM beyond patient care

Shooting at St. Louis hospital spurs debate on the use of armed security in hospitals

Missouri hospitals projected to lose $157 million this fiscal year

Health care proposal could cost UM System millions

St. Mary’s Opens New High-Tech NICU

Digital Health is Focus of St. Louis Expedition to Israel

Missouri health systems join effort to create generic drug nonprofit

Express Scripts dispute over cyber security disclosure heads to SEC

MU Health Care, Boone Hospital end exclusive negotiations

NEBRASKA

Nebraska’s behavioral health workforce has grown, report says

Rural Nebraska facing health-care worries

Blue Cross names new president and CEO

Midlands Hospital in Papillion completes shift away from full-service care

NORTH DAKOTA

Viewpoint: N.D. hospitals at risk of shutting down

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sanford Health Extends Global Reach by Entering 7 Countries

Sanford Health donates 35 acres for Sioux Falls school

MIDWEST

(Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin)

ILLINOIS

EMS calls in Charleston still soaring, growing number are psychiatric-related

Chicago hospitals worry about closures, layoffs as they brace for Medicaid funding changes

Former exec loaned Roseland hospital $100k to pay salaries. Now he wants his money back.

$7 billion unaccounted in state healthcare spending

Maestro Health just got acquired for $155M
Illinois Hospitals Urge Legislative Action to Avert Funding Cuts
Loyola Medicine to buy Tenet-owned Chicago hospital for $270M
Illinois safety-net hospitals' future uncertain amid potential Medicaid funding changes

INDIANA
Lutheran Hospital parent wants former CEO barred from working for competitor IU Health
Indiana Hospital Association Promotes Three
Methodist Franciscan merger suspended
Indianapolis' Springbuk raises $20 million for its employer-facing health analytics software
Naturopaths push for state licensing, right to call themselves 'doctor'
IU Health to Showcase Precision Genomics
Lawsuit against 62 Indiana hospitals over records is dismissed
Why an Indiana hospital chose to pay its ransomware attackers
Largest Northwest Indiana Orthopedic Specialists Group Aligns With Franciscan Health
Indiana Locations Among 'Top Cardiovascular Hospitals'
Search Begins For DeKalb Health CEO
Health Analytics Firm Springbuk Closes $20M Round, Plans Hiring Spree
CHS moves to ban former Lutheran Health Network CEO from advising competing health system

KENTUCKY
Owensboro Health's latest news a win for the economy
U of Louisville trustees express concern over sale of Jewish Hospital to private equity firm
Norton Hospital Sued Over High Fees in $714M Retirement Plan
Medicaid enrollees sue Trump administration for approving Kentucky waiver
Almost Family merger hits regulatory snag
Expanding medical practice acquires smaller group

MICHIGAN
DMC announcing layoffs today to provide more dollars for patient care
Detroit Medical Center service workers seek new contract, decry "penny-pinching"
McLaren Bay Region to open facility on Joe Mann
DMC Children's Hospital plans its own unit for sterile processing
Health system hires CFO
Spectrum Health hires Banner Health exec as CFO: 5 takeaways
Henry Ford Allegiance Health has new tool for robot-assisted spinal surgery
Michigan hospital fights for release of detained Polish physician: 7 things to know
Michigan sets the stage with outstanding eye care breakthroughs
Paul Browne takes CIO spot at Henry Ford Health System

OHIO

Good Samaritan Hospital closing will stress EMS transport system, Dayton chief says
Ohio insurer stopping payments for non-emergency ER visits
Five things to know about the new Christ Hospital Medical Center-Liberty Township
UPDATE: Affinity temporarily suspends closing wind down
Trinity CEO: Hospital will be reshaped to meet next generation
Mercy Health invests $6M in Valley
Could ‘big data’ help Cleveland reduce health disparities - and create jobs?
Dayton-based Premier Health to consolidate two hospitals as part of new strategic plan
Massillon's mayor says Affinity closure blindsided the city
Ohio HIE Has Sent 8.1 Million Results
Judge gives Ohio hospital temporary lifeline
Good Samaritan closing: Neighborhood group sees hope in hospital’s closure
Murdock retiring from Trinity Health System
MetroHealth to complete $1.3 million renovation of its behavioral health inpatient unit
NE Ohio doctors charged for performing unnecessary tests, overbilling insurance providers
Akron Children’s Health Center, Boston Heights to open in 2019
Push for doctors to buy Affinity loses steam
University Hospitals names Eric Beck president of UH Ventures
Good Samaritan Hospital closing: What we know now
Premier Health to consolidate two hospitals as part of strategic plan to control costs
HealthSpot bankruptcy trustee wants Cardinal Health to give back $3M loan payoff
St. Elizabeth reveals plans for massive cancer center
Greater Cincinnati health care firm begins multimillion-dollar renovation of campus
Flu update: How Cleveland Clinic and others are handling high patient volumes
Wyandot Memorial Hospital names Ty Shaull CEO

WISCONSIN

Health care consolidation expected to continue in 2018
Hospital CEO to Epic: Stop blocking innovation, open up your platform
Western Wisconsin Providers Praise New Multi-State Nursing Agreement
Change Healthcare buys Wisconsin company
Common Ground names new chief medical officer, CFO
Lasecki new CMO for Bellin Health
Froedtert Health buys LifeCare Hospitals building in Waukesha for $30.6 million
Prevea plans $17.5 million building for St. Nicholas campus in Sheboygan
Milwaukee hospital suspends employees for leaving homeless patient in cold

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST
(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

ALABAMA
South Baldwin Regional Medical Center Names New CEO
UA enters into a partnership to train rural students in health care
Champion Sports Medicine partners with telemedicine platform
Surgical Care Affiliates partners with Oregon outpatient center
Alabama medical center to add 150 jobs

FLORIDA
Cleveland Clinic Florida offers ‘concierge medicine’ — for $4,000 a year
Nurse shortages in Florida might be reduced by new multi-state license
Baptist Health promotes Boulenger to COO
New Neonatal ICU at Florida Hospital Altamonte
Here's the type of jobs UCF would create if it takes over Lake Nona's Sanford Burnham facility
Exclusive: Florida Hospital's secret deal with Sanford Burnham angers county officials, may backfire
Central Florida health systems continue construction, expansion
Broward Health hires hospital CEO from for-profit rival
Finally, an answer to why nothing’s happening at the rehab facility at Estancia
Central Florida's largest health system to continue growth via ASCs, outpatient facilities
Capital Regional Medical Center CEO to resign
Jared Smith to assume CEO role at Broward Health Coral Springs
Florida Hospital executive, former Winter Park Mayor Ken Bradley ready for retirement
9 Investigates: UCF, Florida Hospital plans to take over Sanford Burnham site
Cross Country Healthcare names new CFO amid organizational shakeup
University of Miami to build proton therapy center
- Mayo Clinic receives $20 million gift for Jacksonville campus expansion
- Exclusive: Florida Hospital's secret deal with Sanford Burnham angers county officials, may backfire

**GEORGIA**
- Piedmont Healthcare to invest more than $250 million in Columbus Regional acquisition
- Children's Hospital of Atlanta physician trudges one mile in snow, ice to treat patients
- Hospital forging ahead with '18 plans: Physician recruiting and nursing ideas discussed at meeting
- Clinic CEO: Negotiation with Walker County still on the table
- Central Georgia hospitals experiencing shortage of IV bags
- Proposed Georgia legislation calls for more transparency on medical bills for some procedures
- Georgia health system reaches settlement with Savannah Morning News

**MISSISSIPPI**
- Medicaid draft bill cuts provider reimbursement by 5 percent
- After 23 years, Swetman steps down as Memorial Hospital Foundation Chairman
- Three systems pitching affiliation to OCH
- Batson Children's Hospital getting a much-needed facelift

**NORTH CAROLINA**
- Novant, Wake Forest Baptist agree to share MyChart patient information
- New Catawba Valley Medical Center CEO not a stranger to hospital
- Erlanger closer to deal with North Carolina hospital
- UNC board member questions legality of massive Carolinas HealthCare deal: 5 things to know
- UNC, Carolinas health care deal raises questions of legality and ethics among BOG members
- UNCW breaks ground on $66 million health building
- UNC announces new $1.6M partnership aimed at diversifying health informatics field
- Virginia's Prescription Monitoring Program now connected to North Carolina's
- Mission Health sells Asheville Surgery Center, will remain in the building
- UNC Health Care talks need sunlight
- North Carolina let 5% of nursing home deficiencies go unchecked
- CEO of Columbus Regional resigns
- Columbus Regional Healthcare System CEO Carla Hollis to step down
- UNC Health Care sees room for a compact medical campus on the edge of Chapel Hill
- Study: Need for school nurses growing in NC, could cost $79M a year
- Nash UNC to hike nurses’ pay
‘Safety Net’ Hospitals Face Federal Budget Cuts

OIG tags Carolinas Medical Center for incorrect billing

Blue Cross NC CEO isn’t a fan of Carolinas, UNC Health Care collaboration

SOUTH CAROLINA

GHS/Palmetto Health company names new leadership

TENNESSEE

Erlanger closer to deal with North Carolina hospital

Sumner Regional Medical Center names new chief medical officer

Change Healthcare buys Wisconsin company

Oscar Health introduces app for immediately scheduling in-network doctor appointments in Nashville

NY firm invests in local health care cyber risk manager

In treating students from Kentucky, Vanderbilt trauma team encounters first experience with school shooting

Tennessee health system cuts daily inpatient opioid use by 40%

Memphis Baptist Hospital first hospital in state to offer patients alternative medication

Tennessee chiropractor pays more than $1.45 million to resolve false claims act allegations

Tennova: No new West Knox hospital; services to be ‘reconfigured’ at existing facilities

RCCH HealthCare Partners taps Greg Nielsen as division president

Saint Thomas Medical Partners names COO

Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s chief compliance officer leaves for UW Medicine

CHS’ Wayne Smith says it will take years to feel the effects of consumerism

What’s a Tennessee doctor worth to the state’s economy? $2 million

Regional One acquires East Memphis primary care docs

Top of the List: Memphis’ top-rated nursing homes

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

(Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

ARKANSAS

Sparks Health System taps Stephanie Parson as chief quality officer

Springdale children’s hospital gains $1M endowment from Tyson foundation

El Dorado family makes $3M donation to Arkansas Children’s Hospital

UAMS meets with employees to talk budget problems

Committee Raises Questions of Collusion Between UAMS, Baptist Health

ARIZONA
Reporting glitch leaves Arizona without federal health data
GV Hospital enters process to turn over ownership
Equity firm submits winning (and only) bid for bankrupt Arizona hospital
How one ACO ditched Excel to engage physicians and advance shared savings

LOUISIANA

A billion-dollar Louisiana budget shortfall could close hospitals, jeopardize med schools
Rise in 'virtual' doctor visits sparks need for more clarity in Louisiana law, experts say
Louisiana surgical hospital sues Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Louisiana for sending $411,761 payments to patients: 4 key notes
Ochsner Mid-City Urgent Care opening, with women's care and dermatology services

NEW MEXICO

The Latest: New Mexico joins multistate nurse licensure pact
State names providers selected to manage Medicaid program

OKLAHOMA

Can Oklahoma Become the Silicon Valley of Health Analytics?
Oklahoma is the Heartland — the Kidneyland, Lungland, and Liverland
Flu patients filling up Oklahoma City hospitals, officials say
Discharged patient arrested for refusing to leave Oklahoma hospital, dies hours later

TEXAS

UMC to tear down old hotel to build clinic, plans ERs in other clinics to expand services
Three Tenet Hospitals On List of Top Neurosurgery and Spine Hospitals
Baylor Scott & White hospital to close NICU, end delivery services
Changes Including Layoffs On Tap at Tenet Hospital in Detroit
San Antonio children’s hospital hires new CEO
Methodist Healthcare System CEO Jaime Wesolowski to retire
Texas Children's Hospital sees operating income drop 66% in FY 2017
Texas hospitals worried about impact of cuts to drug discount program
Texas specialty hospital to close, lay off 96 employees
Tyler hospital launches facility with MD Anderson Cancer Center
UHS to terminate management agreement with Texas hospital
Aransas Pass still without a hospital
Another Garland medical center set to close next month
Baylor Scott and White exec takes over CFO role at SCL Health
NORTHWEST

ALASKA
- Sticker stock for Legislature at $100M Medicaid request
- Assembly appoints new hospital board members, approves RFP

IDAHO
- Primary Health to build Idaho’s 1st pediatric urgent care clinic
- Idaho’s First Medical School Accepts First Medical Students
- Idaho to gain its first pediatric urgent care clinic

MONTANA
- Bozeman Health opening convenience care clinic

OREGON
- Portland startup NurseGrid raises $5.7 million
- Oregon voters overwhelmingly pass health care taxes
- Oregon voters pass Measure 101, health care provider taxes
- Providence, Children’s Health Alliance to serve 13K kids covered by FamilyCare
- Surgical Care Affiliates partners with Oregon outpatient center

WASHINGTON
- Mathis named chief compliance officer for UW Medicine in Seattle
- Trios Health hires interim CFO
- How Juno’s CEO broke the $9 billion takeover news to employees, vendors and founders

WYOMING
- Board commits to upgrading Marbleton clinic

WEST
(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA
- Why this $15M gift to an LA hospital is so unusual
- Q&A: New Adventist CFO Expects Cost-Cutting, Expansion Deals
- At Dignity Health, A Data-Driven Population Health Strategy is Yielding Promising Results
- DJO Global pays $7.62M settlement for subsidiary’s Tricare billing fraud: 5 things to know
- 2 Salinas Doctors Agree To Pay $1.085 Million To Settle False Claims Allegation
- California hospital imposes overtime restrictions, hiring freeze to shore up finances
- Kern hospital employees least vaccinated in California
- Meet the new president of the California Association of Healthcare Leaders
- North Bay heart device maker eyed by giant Boston Scientific
- Palomar Health restructuring prompts 42 layoffs
- Stanford Health Care's operating income more than doubles in Q1

**COLORADO**

- Catholic Health Initiatives CFO Dean Swindle’s advice to other systems: ‘Don't get too comfortable with your past success’
- North Colorado Medical Center invests nearly $2 million in new robotic surgery technology
- Physicians in Loveland, Fort Collins open direct primary care practices
- New Colorado law gives patients more transparency on medical fees
- Children's Hospital Colorado hires chief strategy officer
- Hickenlooper signs interstate compact to help offset shortage of Colorado nurses
- Colorado pharmaceutical company is bought by North Carolina competitor
- Rohman named COO of MCR, Poudre hospitals
- Baylor Scott and White exec takes over CFO role at SCL Health

**HAWAII**

- Future bright for Maui’s privatized hospitals
- Hospice of Hilo changes its name
- Why Hawaii’s Unlicensed Elder Care Industry Is Out Of Control

**NEVADA**

- Medical workers reflect on ER aftermath of Las Vegas shooting
- Is Sunrise Hospital clothing a dig at UMC over Las Vegas shooting?
- Dignity Health VP: Las Vegas neighborhood hospitals 'showing incredibly strong performance'

**UTAH**

- Intermountain Healthcare to create drug company in response to price hikes
- Intermountain Healthcare to move 2,300 workers to new employer
- Intermountain buys stake in medical billing company
- Utah hospital breaks its record with 52 liver transplants
- Intermountain VP encourages more health systems to join effort to make generic drugs accessible, affordable