

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JUNE 22, 2018

### NATIONAL

- More Doctor Pay Tied To Patient Satisfaction And Outcomes
- Highest hospital CEO turnover is in these states
- Patents hold clues about Apple, Amazon, Google and Microsoft plans for healthcare
- 'An industry-wide issue': Bad debt over \$10M at one-third of hospitals
- Atul Gawande, the doctor and writer, named CEO of Amazon's employee healthcare JV
- FDA Chief Tops Most Influential Physicians List
- Big tech's big goals for healthcare
- MedPAC recommends changing Stark law to limit physician-owned distributorships
- AHA Expresses Support of H.R. 6082, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act
- White House releases extensive plan to reorganize HHS
- CMS seeks information to ease Stark Law burden
- Why 'nudging' physicians, giving them more money isn't enough to improve patient outcomes
- CMS may require hospitals to electronically share patient data
- Rush University Medical Center: CMS has miscalculated hospital star ratings since 2016

### NORTHEAST

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

### **CONNECTICUT**

- Hartford Healthcare Considers Changing Bradley Campus in Southington
- Norwalk Hospital initiative reduces opiate prescriptions by 45 percent
- HealthHavenHub Opens in New Haven
- State Reaches Settlement in False Claims Act Lawsuit against Waterbury Behavioral Health Provider
- "Health Haven" Hub Hits Downtown
- McKesson to close Connecticut facility, lay off 105 workers
- State Initiates False Claims Act, Breach of Contract Lawsuit against Norwich Behavioral Health Provider

### **MAINE**

- Bond ratings for Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems hold steady
- Lawmakers OK funding for Medicaid expansion

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Mayor Walsh steps in to help save jobs at Whittier Street Health Center
- No Nurses' Strike At Berkshire Medical Center, As Tentative Deal Reached
- Layoff reversal: Massachusetts health center keeps 20 workers
- Memo sheds light on tension between Massachusetts General physicians, Partners
- Massachusetts Medicaid program stops paying clinic in fraud case
- SEIU says Massachusetts health center workers fired for supporting unionization
- Whittier Street Health Center first in state to unionize professional staff
- Court says ballot question on hospital staffing can proceed
- Health care venture co-founded by Amazon to be based in Boston
- For the underserved, primary care landscape is changing
- UMass Memorial Health Care marks 20 years
- VNA Care names former Marine as interim COO
- Tufts Health Plan to give pharmacy rebates to members
- Steward Health Care System names new chief strategy officer
- Sturdy Memorial Hospital CEO retires early, citing personal & family matters

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire to get \$22.9M to help with opioid crisis

## NEW YORK

- Edbauer leaves Catholic Health for HealthNow New York
- 3 Syracuse hospitals score poorly for high surgical infection rates
- New York hospital seeks new management contract within hours of CEO's sudden resignation
- Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) to Expand to Hudson Yards
- MVP names new president; Denise Gonick promoted to director
- New York hospital's second rebranding plan sticks
- Massena Memorial Hospital reveals potential affiliate days after CEO departs
- NY hospital patients rally over reimbursement 'battle' with Empire BCBS
- Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center names new chief quality & compliance officer

## RHODE ISLAND

- Roman Catholic Bishop Of Providence, Hospital Operators Accused in Pension Lawsuit
- General Assembly OKs bill encouraging quick settlement of St. Joseph pension suit
- Industry report: R.I. well-positioned for biotech growth

## VERMONT

- What would UVM Medical Center nurses' strike mean for patients? 2010 study raises concerns
- Weinberger: Update on Burlington's opioid efforts
- UVM Medical Center nurses to hold Town Hall Friday evening
- \$4 million to fight opioid epidemic announced for Vermont

## MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

*(Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)*

## DELAWARE

- Delaware's health care spending benchmark is complicated. Here are 5 things to know
- Sussex County residents embrace Beebe Healthcare's planned Millville expansion
- Beebe Healthcare announces revised plans for expansion
- Beebe Healthcare ditches plan to add more hospital beds

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- The GW Cancer Center expands bone marrow transplant and cell therapies
- Exchanging ideas and best practices in China

## MARYLAND

- Western Maryland Health System Closing Pediatric Unit
- GBMC readies to open \$2.4 million NICU, raising final funds
- 131-Bed Building Planned for \$28M; Maryland Facility Changes Hands
- Baltimore biotech WindMIL Therapeutics raises \$32.5 million

## NEW JERSEY

- Hackensack Meridian Health uses \$25M fund to invest in Pillo Health
- Hunterdon Healthcare unveils ASC in former Bank of America space
- NJ lawmakers consider new taxes on hospitals to fund Medicaid, medical education
- Contemporary Healthcare Capital Closes \$13.3M Refinancing for Skilled Nursing Facility in New Jersey
- Jersey Shore University Medical Center Celebrates Grand Opening of HOPE Tower
- New Jersey Hospital Association unveils opioid-tracking tool
- J. Hospital Association Issues Statement on Charity Care, Medical Ed
- Hospital group seeks Fort Monmouth site
- Nemours opens pediatric facility in Cherry Hill

## PENNSYLVANIA

- Fox Chase Cancer Center unveils its first suburban outpatient care site

- Allegheny Health Network plans neighborhood hospital in Brentwood
- Conemaugh Health System CEO Tucker to retire in September
- CHOP spinout Bainbridge Health raises \$1.6 million to expand mission, team
- How this Pennsylvania hospital prioritized patient flow with a \$7M radiology renovation
- Fight for mandated nurse-to-patient ratios heats up
- Main Line Health King of Prussia breaks ground at The Village at Valley Forge
- UPMC hospital can be sued for not telling feds about drug-using worker, Pa. Supreme Court says
- CHOP to build new children's hospital about an hour from Lancaster
- Temple looking at possible sale of Fox Chase Cancer Center, Jeanes Hospital
- Allegheny Health Network to open 4 micro-hospitals in 2019
- At least 12 Washington Health System employees suspended following potential HIPAA violation

## **VIRGINIA**

- Sentara Healthcare seeks state approval for new hospital in Suffolk
- Sentara announces plans for a 24-bed hospital in Suffolk, similar in size to Bon Secours' project

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

- Cabell Huntington, Marshall Health making house calls
- WVU Hospitals, Summersville Regional Medical Center enter into management agreement
- Family: West Virginia hospital let us hold the wrong baby for 2 hours

## **CENTRAL**

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

## **IOWA**

- Construction Ahead Of Schedule On \$28-Million Hospital
- UnityPoint to close Cath Lab
- Mercy Iowa City to integrate with Iowa Heart Center
- Family Awarded \$29.5 Million In Suit Against Sioux Center Health
- Mercy in Iowa cuts 43 jobs as part of living center consolidation

## **KANSAS**

- Expansion of telemedicine benefits veterans in rural Kansas
- HaysMed to offer pediatric spine clinic
- Kansas hospital asked nurses to falsify records to pump up inpatient numbers, inspectors say
- Francis executive memo reveals distribution of charity dollars

## **MINNESOTA**

- Hennepin Healthcare Seeks Review Of EMS Sedation Cases
- University of Minnesota, Fairview Health announce new partnership
- Mayo Clinic looking to store health records on blockchain
- BCBS lets Mayo in on decision-making with new 5-year contract

## MISSOURI

- University of Missouri job growth powered by health care
- Hospitals built to withstand tornados after Missouri storm
- Aurora St. Luke's chief medical officer takes leadership role at SSM Health
- Christian Hospital, Salvation Army partner to keep non-emergencies out of the ER
- SSM Health Medical Minute – Virtual doctor visits growing in popularity
- Ascension launches subsidiary to boost hospitals' automation efforts

## NEBRASKA

- Nebraska health officials sanction CHI Health St. Elizabeth after patient dies from fall
- Top 2 Regional Center leaders fired; told state wanted to move in different direction
- Medicaid Expansion Could be on November Ballot in Nebraska
- So long, CenturyLink Center. CHI Health buys Omaha arena naming rights in \$23.6 million deal

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Medical staff will not reinstate committee positions at Bismarck's CHI St. Alexius Health
- CHI St. Alexius doctors dissolve Bismarck Medical Executive Committee for a 2nd time
- CHI St. Alexius votes not to reinstate medical committee following resignation threats

## SOUTH DAKOTA

- Regional Health lays off some management staff
- Rapid City Regional Health losing \$1 million a week
- Why rural maternity care is disappearing and how South Dakota can fix it
- How Avera Health moved beyond DTC urgent care telehealth to launch specialty practices for women's health, school-based care and a robust retail strategy

## MIDWEST

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

## ILLINOIS

- Outcome Health taps new CEO from the advertising world
- Advocate Aurora leaders among top physician executives
- As Franciscan Health beefs up Olympia Fields hospital, a slimming down to occur in Chicago Heights

- Illinois health system nears \$62.5M pension settlement
- Union demonstrators demand reinstatement of Oak Lawn nurse dismissed by Advocate
- New facility aims to improve health care in southern Illinois
- New Medicaid funding formula for Illinois hospitals wins federal OK
- Rush University Medical Center: CMS has miscalculated hospital star ratings since 2016

## INDIANA

- Medical facility named for Terre Haute native to be dedicated in Indy
- IU Health West President Updates \$80M Expansion
- Vincent to Open Training Center
- Eli Lilly CEO: 'It's time for a change' in the drug pricing system
- IU Health Revisiting Whether To Keep Gosport Facility Open
- Gilroy to Retire From St. Vincent Foundation
- Reid Health Details Community Benefits
- Vincent Health Cuts 85 Workers in Latest Layoffs

## KENTUCKY

- Baptist Health Corbin president promoted to head Louisville hospital
- WellCare To Hire 40 Employees For Care Center In Hazard
- Doctors changing paths to help opioid crisis
- UofL names new chief of pediatric cardiac surgery division
- Norton Healthcare named a top health care organization on list of Best Places to Work in IT
- Official says Medicaid expansion could be scrapped
- Humana exec's biggest stock sale of the season tops \$8 million
- Humana opens its new high-tech downtown gym
- Larry Gray to step into president role at Baptist Health Louisville

## MICHIGAN

- Borgess Health president and CEO Kathy Young stepping down from position
- Fired hospital manager wins ruling over whistleblower law
- Health system appoints chief strategy officer
- What's the future of auto, tech, medicine in Michigan? Experts weigh in
- McLaren Flint nurses call emergency meeting about staffing

## OHIO

- Mercy Health Redefines Supply Chain's Role in High Quality Healthcare through New Strategic Logistics Partnership with Medline



- Oak Street Health opening three locations in Cleveland
- Former Cleveland Clinic CEO Toby Cosgrove joins health IT company's board
- Appeals court upholds dismissal of nurse's wrongful-termination lawsuit
- \$10M chronic care center in Centerville breaks ground
- OhioHealth CEO Blom to be replaced in fall 2019
- Dayton hospital cuts ER wait times
- ProMedica hospital to cut ICU bed count in half
- Greene County primary care offices joining Kettering Health
- UC Health chief performance officer exits
- Cincinnati doctor group strikes deal with private equity firm
- Cleveland Clinic names new population health chief

## WISCONSIN

- Advocate Aurora leaders among top physician executives
- Froedtert & MCW to operate Potawatomi workplace health clinic
- UW Health taps Elizabeth Bolt as COO
- Milwaukee Regional Medical Center reaches agreement with county to purchase land
- Froedtert, Children's Hospital and other medical center tenants to buy land now rented from county for as little as \$1
- How Advocate Health's expertise could reverberate into Aurora's Wisconsin business
- Saint John's On The Lake commits \$500,000 to develop Institute on Aging

## SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

*(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)*

### ALABAMA

- Alabama health care real estate developer to open new Dallas office
- Blue Cross withdraws from Business Council of Alabama

### FLORIDA

- Florida health system accused of illegally poaching physicians from competitor
- Baptist Beaches Hospital expands with new surgery center
- Sarasota Memorial Picks President for New South County Hospital
- Hospital District agrees to MPMC lease takeover
- Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center CEO: Why hospitals need hospitality
- Lawsuit: NCH Healthcare System 'poached' doctors from competitor
- Evolent Health CEO Williams on why the road to value-based care is slow

- Stanson enterprise decision support coming to Adventist Health
- Florida Operators Face Stiff Competition, Steep Costs to Meet Emergency Rules
- Healogics to pay nearly \$400,000 over False Claims Act allegations
- Hospice pays \$1M to settle overbilling cases as exec pay stirs 'fury'
- Florida nursing program emphasizes primary care
- CHS' divestiture of Florida hospital moves forward
- Volusia County schools to partner with Florida Hospital on '1st of its kind' deal
- State Continues Records Battle With Nursing Home

## GEORGIA

- USPI-affiliated surgery center among 1st in US to install spine surgery robot
- Northside Hospital CEO Robert Quattrocchi named Top CEO
- Piedmont Healthcare Partners with Patientco to Improve Patient Financial Experience
- Navicent Health Baldwin names new CEO
- Court OKs \$150M Georgia hospital after 3-year battle

## MISSISSIPPI

- Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi earns award for Patient Safety
- Forrest General among nation's top hospitals for treatment of heart attacks

## NORTH CAROLINA

- Hospital taps new CEO
- Triad hospital names new CEO
- Atrium Health CEO talks about dispute with anesthesiologists
- Police access to prescription database approved in the NC legislature
- Wake Tech launches new health care simulation program
- Wilson Medical Center to outsource 101 positions
- How Mission Health saved \$500K by eliminating early clock-ins
- How judge's decision could impact longtime Charlotte anesthesiology practice's future
- Wake Forest Baptist retains Medicare contract after erroneous cancer diagnoses
- Randolph Health CEO to depart in October
- Hospital president set to retire
- Vidant Edgecombe Hospital president to retire
- In wake of \$150M deal, Humacyte names new CEO
- Merz hires new CFO for North American HQ in Raleigh



- With new partners, WakeMed makes push for outpatient behavioral health care

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- MUSC to break ground on new distribution center in N. Charleston
- SC surgical safety project gets shoutout from pick to lead new Bezos-Buffett health care company
- 5 Carolinas Hospital System employees lose jobs in shakeup at 2 campuses

## **TENNESSEE**

- Two reasons why TriStar Health is investing big in orthopedics
- Saint Thomas to present expansion plans for 8-story hospital in Murfreesboro
- Nashville General Hospital makes a lot of news. Here are 6 storylines you should follow.
- TriStar Health begins \$123M orthopedics focused expansion
- White named Lakeway Regional CEO
- 3 of Nashville's 5 public health bureau chiefs quit in a month
- ReviveHealth adds HCA alum as VP
- Nashville General one of many troubled public hospitals nationwide
- New bill imposes strict regulations on opioid prescriptions in TN
- CHS' divestiture of Florida hospital moves forward
- LifePoint-owned hospital settles whistleblower lawsuit
- CHS releases results of debt exchange, gets downgraded by Moody's

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

## **ARKANSAS**

- Northwest Arkansas healthcare groups launch online survey seeking region's health needs
- Laura Hutchins Named Interim Director of UAMS Cancer Institute

## **ARIZONA**

- Construction begins on \$4.7M Adelante Healthcare facility in Goodyear
- 2 Arizona hospitals abruptly close after entering bankruptcy
- Bankruptcy forces abrupt closure of Gilbert Hospital, Florence Hospital at Anthem
- New physician training alliance launches in Arizona

## **LOUISIANA**

- LSU Health New Orleans teams with Nashville firm to develop commercial biomedical products
- Louisiana patients could get more medication cost details
- Ochsner completes expansion in Covington

## NEW MEXICO

- [New Mexico Health Plans Launch Phone-Based Telehealth Service](#)
- [SF woman donates \\$1.3M for new Presbyterian hospital](#)
- [True Health clients get access to phone-in clinics](#)

## OKLAHOMA

- [OKC Innovation District CEO named](#)
- [Integris names new CEO](#)
- [County health departments in Oklahoma cut back after layoffs](#)

## TEXAS

- [Hundreds Of New Residencies Planned Could Ease Doctor Shortage In Texas](#)
- [Alabama health care real estate developer to open new Dallas office](#)
- [CHI St. Joseph Health Announces New Market President And CEO](#)
- [Longview Regional notches accomplishments, expansion](#)
- [Second hospice employee pleads guilty in alleged \\$60 million kickback scheme involving assisted living communities](#)
- [Doctors sue St. David's contractor over corporate practice of medicine](#)
- [Texas long-term care hospital secures new owner, avoids closure](#)
- [Hospital board agrees to hire new CEO](#)
- [Baylor St. Luke's reactivates heart-transplant program following review](#)
- [MD Anderson to pay \\$4.3 million penalty for data breach](#)
- [Killeen: Interim CEO named for Metroplex Adventist Hospital](#)
- [San Antonio hospital to remain open after announcing closure, mass layoffs](#)
- [Ex-Tenet executive claims kickback charges 'legally flawed'](#)
- [Cowboys, Baylor Scott & White open sports medicine, performance center at The Star](#)
- [Texas hospital's \\$58M lawsuit against BCBS gets second life](#)

## NORTHWEST

*(Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming)*

## ALASKA

- [How an Alaska HIE is Improving its Patient EHR Matching Strategy](#)
- [Alaska HIE Reboots With New Name, Architecture, Features](#)
- [Millions in federal funds flow toward opioid epidemic](#)

## IDAHO

- [Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Announces New Hospital](#)

## MONTANA

- [Kalispell Regional Healthcare Sets Aside \\$21.5 Million for Potential Settlement](#)
- [Montana hospital faces federal investigation, sets aside \\$21.5M for potential settlement](#)
- [Feds investigating Kalispell hospital over doctor pay](#)
- [Kalispell Regional Healthcare CEO Addresses Financial Challenges, Vision for Future](#)
- [Montana notifying Medicaid providers of temporary rate hike](#)
- [As prescription drug cost rise, state auditor goes after pharmacy ‘middle men’](#)

## OREGON

- [Our view | What should health care in Oregon look like?](#)
- [Armstrong, Umatilla Hospital District prepare to part ways](#)
- [Providence slapped with \\$7M suit from patient 'too large' for the MRI machine](#)
- [Kitzhaber and other health leaders opine on where CCOs should go next](#)
- [Sisters of St. Mary get \\$1M from local donors](#)

## WASHINGTON

- [How Providence St. Joseph Health is Moving Along on its Data Transformation Journey](#)
- [Virginia Mason CEO named one of most influential physician executives for 13th time](#)
- [Data Show VA Facilities Compare Closely With Private Sector Nursing Homes Overall](#)
- [Washington hospital avoids closure, saves 1,000 jobs](#)

## WYOMING

- [Riverton hospital will not reopen OB unit as planned](#)

## WEST

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

## CALIFORNIA

- [Molina Healthcare Awarded Florida Medicaid Managed Care Contracts](#)
- [New Modoc Medical facility breaks ground](#)
- [California hospital closes, lays off more than 100 employees](#)
- [3 California physicians charged in \\$580M billing fraud scheme](#)
- [Plans to reopen emergency room gone in Coalinga as attempts to keep hospital open fail](#)
- [The doctor will see you now – online. Virtual house calls offered widely in Sacramento region](#)
- [Cottage Health nears end of \\$750M project to build earthquake-resistant hospital](#)
- [Alan Hemming, prominent liver surgeon at UC San Diego Health, quietly replaced for unknown reasons](#)

## COLORADO

- Children's Hospital Colorado passes one-year mark in construction process
- New Hospital Leader Fights Price Controls Despite Reputation As A Reformer
- Southwest Health System gets interim CFO
- Denver's first freestanding, hospital-owned birth center will open this summer
- Jury Deems Hospital's \$230K Surgical Bill 'Unreasonable,' Awards \$766
- Tech glitch blamed for \$19M billing error on Colorado patient statements
- Colorado physician to sue Porter Adventist Hospital over sterilization breach

## NEVADA

- Banner Community Hospital opens new ER addition
- Health care center earns distinction

## UTAH

- Intermountain simulation center offers real-world training to clinicians
- Intermountain Healthcare's Simulation Center Is Teaching Clinicians From Across The Globe