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NATIONAL

- These are 2018's most influential physicians
- S. News Announces the 2018-2019 Best Children's Hospitals
- Better outcomes, satisfaction with hospital-at-home care programs: JAMA study
- Walmart Just Scored a Patent for a Blockchain-Based Health Care Records System
- Atul Gawande: Amazon-Berkshire-JPMorgan venture will tackle 3 types of healthcare waste
- White House releases extensive plan to reorganize HHS
- How for-profit hospital operator stocks fared over the first half of 2018
- CMS official says star ratings not delayed because of Rush analysis
- New Study Reveals Growing Threat of OB-GYN Shortages
- Amazon Makes \$1 Billion Splash in Health Care, Buying PillPack
- Here's what we know about Amazon's foray into healthcare

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- 2 CT Children's Hospitals Among Nation's Best: U.S. News
- New Connecticut Law Allows Telemedicine Prescribing of Controlled Substances
- Qualidigm, Maine collaborative to merge

MAINE

- Governor floats hospital tax to pay for Medicaid expansion
- Second phase of Maine Med's mega-expansion calls for garage with 2,450 spaces
- Hospitals announce new VP of patient care
- Feds earmark \$1.2 million for Maine health care initiatives

MASSACHUSETTS

- Boston Children's Hospital ranked #1 in the nation
- Healthcare Bill Secures \$337 Million for Community Hospitals
- Nurse staffing ratios heading to ballot in Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Falling Behind Rest of the Nation in Health Care Access, Efficiency



- South Shore Health could risk bond rating with planned urgent care expansion
- Biogen to pay \$700M to boost stake in Samsung biologics joint venture
- Baker signs minimum wage, paid leave bill
- Community Healthlink, UMMS receive opioid funding
- Sturdy Memorial Hospital promotes Amy Pfeffer to CFO

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH Hospitals Left Off Best Children's Hospital Rankings: US News

NEW YORK

- Judge dismisses NYU Hospitals' antitrust claim
- Several New York hospitals are running dangerously low on blood
- Hospital billing platform Cedar secures \$36M in venture capital
- 5 NYC Children's Hospitals Ranked Among Nation's Best: U.S. News
- Carthage area hospital CEO discusses proposed medical campus
- Roswell Park breaks ground on joint cancer center in Central New York
- AFC Urgent Care opening in Suffolk
- Nurses at Staten Island University Hospital plan July 3 strike
- Samaritan Medical Center starts last phase of campus upgrade
- Ex-New York hospital CEO paid \$660k to 'disappear' received no assignments to aid transition
- Peter's Health Partners taps 1st ever president of acute care

RHODE ISLAND

- Kent Hospital to invest \$1.7M in training after 4 patient errors in 6 months
- Rhode Island medical center gets \$1.7M city tax break after conversion back to nonprofit
- RI Lawmakers Pass Bill To Put Hospital Operators Under Oath
- CharterCARE makes undisclosed offer for Memorial Hospital
- Raimondo signs legislation incentivizing St. Joseph pension plan settlements
- Cambridge biotech Rubius Therapeutics considers R.I. for pharmaceutical manufacturing facility

VERMONT

- Mack gives \$5M to SVHC to upgrade ER
- Vermont hospital receives \$5 million in largest-ever gift
- Lawsuits allege fraud, conspiracy in insolvency of St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island plan
- Letter: UVMMC nurses make their case

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST



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

DELAWARE

- PAM Rehabilitation Hospital part of health care boom in Dover
- As hospitalizations drops, Beebe decides not to build tower, add beds
- 'Time is of the essence': A look into how Wilmington Hospital's trauma center is run
- Bayhealth Expanded With the Future in Mind

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Here Are DC, Virginia's Best Children's Hospitals: U.S. News
- Judge Dismisses Lawsuit Charging LabCorp with HIPAA Violation
- DC area is home to 2 of the nation's best children's hospitals
- Children's National climbs U.S. News rankings again

MARYLAND

- Nurses accuse Johns Hopkins Hospital management of anti-union violations
- Health System CEO says pediatric unit is "NOT" closing
- Regent Healthcare of Hanover acquires Freedom In Home Care
- Nurses Accuse Johns Hopkins Hospital of Impeding Union

NEW JERSEY

- Betsy Ryan, former head of N.J. Hospital Association, joins board at Inspira
- How New Jersey hospitals are tackling unneeded C-sections
- How New Jersey's Healthcare Facilities Planning Act relates to ASCs 4 quick facts
- Memorial Sloan Kettering opens new Bergen County facility
- Atlantic Health forms partnership with urgent care provider
- NJ bill caps Medicaid payments at \$140 for nonemergent ER visits

PENNSYLVANIA

- Penn Presbyterian Medical Center devotes lane outside ER for police to drop off gunshot victims
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will build inpatient facility in King of Prussia
- University of Pennsylvania Health System CEO Ralph Muller to Step Down in 2019
- Philly tries a different approach for training nurse practitioners
- Temple University adds to health system board amid restructuring
- Summit, WellSpan still working on affiliation details
- What would UPMC partnership mean for Somerset Hospital?
- Allegheny Health Network plans four micro-hospitals



- Philadelphia-area nursing home staffers facing big financial hits from ownership changes
- Penn State Health plans hospital next to rival West Shore facility
- Muller, CEO of UPenn health system, to step down in 2019
- How did CHOP score in this year's children's hospital rankings?
- Penn makes third big biotech bet, helping to raise \$53M for Carisma
- UPMC, University of Pittsburgh establish genome sequencing center
- 'Epic' success: How Children's Hospital of Philadelphia mastered its EHR update
- Penn researchers push new approach to training nurses
- Summit Health taps Medline for distribution

VIRGINIA

- How Children's Hospital of Richmond incorporated the patient voice into its redesigned behavioral health center
- Here Are DC, Virginia's Best Children's Hospitals: U.S. News
- New Virginia law aims to increase access to healthcare
- VCU Health breaks ground on \$349M outpatient facility

WEST VIRGINIA

- WVU Medicine Children's pediatric urology ranked 42nd nationally by U.S. News & World Report
- Martinsburg hospital closes deals worth \$1.6M to buy land

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Sanders Trust opens first rehab hospital in Iowa
- University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital loses ground in rankings
- UI Health Care begins using Al-based system for diabetic eye care

KANSAS

- Francis official addresses concerns raised in public comments
- Francis deal allowed Denver nonprofit to keep Menninger Hill, cash, artifacts
- Francis executive memo reveals distribution of charity dollars
- Olathe medical coder gets \$91,000 from Healogics false claims settlement

MINNESOTA

- New CEO named for Meeker Memorial Hospital & Clinics
- Big Medicare shift coming to Minnesota
- Allina Health opens doors of Orthopedic, Podiatry and Spine Clinic



- Minneapolis hospital system suspends some clinical trials
- Blue Cross of MN names Anthem exec CEO
- Allina-Aetna joint health insurance venture fills out C-suite
- Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare appoints new CFO

MISSOURI

- Nursing shortage prompts St. Louis hospital to offer summers off
- Research Medical Center nurses protest against staffing shortages, high turnover
- Kansas City area nurses picket over nurse-patient ratio, want change
- A preview of a patient room at the new SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital
- Siteman Cancer Center announces new network member
- Children's Mercy moves up in national rankings
- Man's antenna picks up PHI from pagers at 5+ hospitals
- Ascension spins out hospital automation tool service
- Here are Missouri's Best Children's Hospitals: U.S. News
- Truman Medical Center says proposed Medicaid cut 'would be a disaster'
- High-tech centers let med students practice on holographic patients. Worth the cost?
- A \$58 bill spurs lawsuit claiming local hospital overcharges for medical records
- 5 things to know about Mercy's IT consulting arm, Mercy Technology Services
- Cerner pays \$4.5M to settle lawsuit regarding overtime wages

NEBRASKA

- CHI Health criticized for \$23.6M naming rights deal
- CHI Health to spend \$20M+ to rename Nebraska arena
- Medicaid expansion petition nears finish line, setting up November vote
- Friend Community Healthcare System names new CEO

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health expands North Dakota footprint, adding research institute focused on obesity
- Sanford Health absorbing North Dakota research institute
- Bismarck Hospital Turns to Staffing Agency for ER
- A week after disbanding medical committees, CHI St. Alexius taps staffing agency as ER physician contract collapses

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health expands North Dakota footprint, adding research institute focused on obesity
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- Avera Health commits two years of support for nursing program at CUC
- Sanford Health to Merge With Good Sam
- Sanford Health eyes expansion into Chicago market

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- After 9 months, HSHS St. Mary's President and CEO Joan Coffman stepping down
- Advocate Aurora Health co-CEOs on the next steps for the newly combined system
- Ingalls Memorial Hospital hires interim president
- Hospital incident reports at risk of discovery in Illinois
- Illinois' Medicaid hospital-funding plan gets federal OK
- Outcome Health's former leaders step down from board
- New Chief Medical Officer announced for Decatur Memorial Hospital
- Local hospital to spend \$2.5M on improvements, including a new sleep clinic
- Lurie Children's ranked as nation's 10th best children's hospital
- GE remake doesn't include Chicago-based GE Healthcare
- Northwestern Medicine to establish AI cardiovascular program with \$25M gift
- 4 ways Cook County Health and Hospitals System is addressing opioid addiction
- Sanford Health eyes expansion into Chicago market

INDIANA

- IU Health set to open new \$9M robotic supply warehouse
- CEO Who Defrauded Health Care Groups Could Face 12 Years In Prison
- IU Health East Central Region names Critical Access hospital COO for Blackford, Jay
- Joe burn unit loses verification
- Lutheran suit meets resistance
- Franciscan and other health systems spend millions in booming Johnson County
- III Health Plans Names VP
- Parkview Wabash Hospital Set to Open
- National Recognition Continues For Riley
- Indiana hospital: Anthem won't ink fair rates because it considers us a microhospital
- Medical Device Company Building in Whitley County
- Court Sides With Lilly on Alimta Case



- Anthem Names Business Group President
- Startup's Goal: No More Missed Meds
- New Albany Rehab Hospital Acquired

KENTUCKY

- This Louisville CEO is one of the most beloved in the country
- Kentucky court blocks Christ Hospital's construction proposal
- McKay named next CEO of Ephraim McDowell
- Trigg County Hospital struggling financially
- Pikeville Medical Center, UPIKE enter memorandum of cooperation
- No Christ Hospital: What's next for old Drawbridge Inn site?
- Louisville doctors indicted on federal drug charges

MICHIGAN

- McLaren Health Care Selects Project Team For New \$450M Campus
- Hospitals use home health to cut costs of readmission
- Michigan Medicine reports \$103 million surplus for 2018
- Snyder signs law creating Medicaid work requirement
- Medical company acquiring manufacturer
- Medical company plans 260 jobs
- Inside Track: Muskegon's hometown hero

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- O'Bleness Hospital announces five-year path towards sustainability
- UC Health adds new C-suite role
- Freestanding ERs on the rise in region
- Oscar Health aims to expand into six new markets
- Why former factory and retail workers may help with healthcare staffing in Ohio
- Dayton medical office sold for \$10.5M
- Hospital Faxes Records to Wrong Person in Apparent HIPAA Violation
- Northside nurses say Steward putting profits above patient care
- Good Samaritan Hospital closing day set
- UC Health chief performance officer exits
- Judge approves HCR ManorCare's bankruptcy plan
- Miami Valley Hospital buys more land near Austin Landing



- Cincinnati Children's Hospital is No. 2 overall, tops for cancer, says U.S. News & World Report
- What one Ohio State College of Medicine dean is doing to address unconscious bias
- Cleveland Clinic Akron General accuses Summa ER provider of 'unfair' competitive actions
- Here Are Ohio's Best Children's Hospitals: U.S. News
- Dayton-area medical practice to open new location
- New name, services for Premier Health's Good Sam facility in Englewood
- University Hospitals Rainbow Center for Women & Children to open July 9
- Cleveland Clinic brand making waves in UAE, CEO says

WISCONSIN

- Report: GE Healthcare, with thousands of Wisconsin employees, to be spun off
- Sheboygan's St. Nicholas Hospital hires new president and CEO
- Clare Health Mission at 25: 'Great success story,' with 18,000 patients served in La Crosse
- Marshfield Clinic Has Yet to Break Ground for New Minocqua Hospital
- Bellin CEO Kerwin to retire after 47 years with Green Bay health care organization
- Advocate Aurora Health co-CEOs on the next steps for the newly combined system
- Ascension St. Mary's Hospital celebrates 125th anniversary
- Marshfield Clinic unveils new helicopter ambulance base
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin ranked among best in US
- Wisconsin high court caps some malpractice damages at \$750K
- Aurora Health Care surgery center site and operation plans approved
- Wisconsin high court caps some malpractice damages at \$750K
- HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital appoints new CEO

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Sanders Trust opens first rehab hospital in Iowa
- 2 local hospital leaders get state trade association posts
- Grandview Medical Center campus adds new pediatric clinic

FLORIDA

- Ocala Health to add beds at West Marion, ORMC
- Find out how Central Florida children's hospitals ranked in the annual U.S. News report
- Florida Hospital Orlando expands cardiac intensive care unit



- Healthcare group switches format to mini clinics
- How a new blood testing device may slash Lee Health ER bills, unnecessary hospitalizations
- Outside parties see high-stakes fight in Halifax Health case
- Tampa General Hospital to pair AI, human intelligence in NASA-inspired command center CEO John Couris explains
- NFCH soon to close on CGH property
- Florida Hospital North Pinellas names health care veteran as new CEO
- Florida Hospital building state-of-the-art command center
- Jax company to pay \$22.5 million to settle Medicare fraud suit
- 124 Florida Medical Professionals Charged In Health Care Fraud And Opioid Crackdown
- Ban on air ambulance balance billing sought in Florida
- Bankrupt Miami hospital fetches \$30M bid
- Florida hospital deal hinges on a single issue: Should CHS pay up if things go south?

GEORGIA

- Children's Healthcare files certificate of need for \$1.5 billion hospital
- Children's Healthcare Unveils Vision For \$1.5B Brookhaven Hospital
- Here Is Georgia's Best Children's Hospital: U.S. News
- Northside Hospital Forsyth named among best in nation for patient experience
- Northside Hospital CEO Named To Top CEOs List
- Northside Hospital Atlanta Completes New Eight-Story Patient Tower
- CHI Memorial announces approval of cancer care clinic in Ringgold
- Northeast Georgia Health System Increases Access to Healthcare Services in Lumpkin County
- Georgia hospital to close next month

MISSISSIPPI

- OCH rings in MSU alum as new hospital CEO
- No deal for insurer and University of Mississippi hospital
- Hospital investing \$8M in computing
- Mississippi in line for \$7.5 million to fight opioid crisis
- More business owners charged in South Mississippi health-care fraud that nabbed Dr. Diaz
- OCH Regional, UMC announce affiliation
- HPIC names new CEO
- U of Mississippi Medical Center hospital bills could be up to 29 times higher for BCBS members if contract ends
- Mississippi's only academic medical center may exit BCBS' network



NORTH CAROLINA

- Raleigh-based NovaQuest hauls in nearly \$750M for new investment fund
- North Carolina hospital charges man \$1,011 after 'free' cancer screening, biopsies
- Court Agrees with Atrium Health, Rejecting Attempt by Mednax to Disrupt Transition to New Anesthesia Partner
- What could hold up sale of Asheville's Mission Health to HCA? NC's attorney general
- Court order allows Atrium Health to bring on new anesthesia provider
- Maynard Children's Hospital celebrates anniversary
- Court order allows Atrium Health to bring on new anesthesia provider
- A major Charlotte employer plans to boost pay for thousands of its workers
- Court Rules New Anesthesiologists Group Can Start At Atrium On Time
- Doctors to leave local practice
- WakeMed has plans for more expansion in Cary

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Doctor who helped SC hospitals to lead Amazon-Berkshire-J.P. Morgan health venture
- 6 MUSC Children's Hospital programs named "Best Children's Hospitals"
- McMaster releases opioid response plan

TENNESSEE

- Caris Agrees To Pay \$8.5 Million To Settle False Claims Act Lawsuit
- Work to begin on \$35 million senior living campus in East Hamilton County
- Community Health Systems Announces Definitive Agreement to Sell Oklahoma City Hospital to INTEGRIS Health
- LifePoint-owned hospital settles whistleblower lawsuit
- LBMC names health care cybersecurity leader
- Pension fund taking over Premise Health
- Physician Group Names New CEO
- CHS offers notes to pay off \$1B in debt
- HCA looks to sell Louisiana hospital
- Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital names COO, emergency services nursing director
- Covenant Health gets OK for \$115M expansion at Fort Sanders Regional
- Florida hospital deal hinges on a single issue: Should CHS pay up if things go south?

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS



- Saline Memorial Hospital's CEO Resigns
- No Insurance? No Problem, Pinnacle Internal Medicine Says

ARIZONA

- How Phoenix Children's structured its EHR to be disease specific to improve care, drive savings
- Phoenix Children's Hospital improves scores on 'U.S. News' list
- Phoenix has some of the most overworked OB/GYNs
- Banner Health partners with Lyft to offer ridesharing for patients

LOUISIANA

- After 9 months, HSHS St. Mary's President and CEO Joan Coffman stepping down
- Tammany Parish Hospital names new CEO
- Changing of the guard as two St. Tammany hospitals name new leaders
- Talks fall apart for \$100 million proton beam cancer treatment center at University Medical Center
- Audit: Lax oversight of billions in La. Medicaid contracts
- Tulane Health System taps new CEO for Lakeview Regional Medical Center
- 116-bed Louisiana hospital avoids closure
- Louisiana senator wants action after critical Medicaid audit
- HCA looks to sell Louisiana hospital

NEW MEXICO

- As Demand for Autism Services Soars, Centria Healthcare Adds Sarah Baca to Leadership Team
- Strategies to fight addiction paying dividends
- Local salon teams up with UNM Children's Hospital

OKLAHOMA

- Community Health Systems Announces Definitive Agreement to Sell Oklahoma City Hospital to INTEGRIS Health
- INTEGRIS announces plan to purchase Deaconess Hospital
- Integris names new CEO

TEXAS

- Baylor University Medical Center Gets A New President
- Nursing program at Huntsville Memorial closing its doors
- New surgery medical program at Austin hospital aims to reduce drug dependency
- Telemedicine brings new options to patients in Central Austin
- Texas Health Physicians Group Recalibrates Leadership As Executive Departs For Cleveland Clinic
- Metroplex Adventist Hospital president and CEO looks back at some highlights of his tenure and looks ahead



- Houston hospital's Medicare funding in jeopardy
- Houston Heart Transplant Hospital Could Lose Medicaid Funds
- North Texas Doctor, 2 Nurses Convicted of Health Care Fraud
- Beleaguered North Texas Medical Center Lands On New CEO
- The Latest: Hospital CEO: Gas line perhaps involved in blast
- Texas hospital ranked one of best in U.S. for children
- \$250M medical campus planned for Mesquite could add 1,800 jobs

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- AK Regional Hospital attacks addiction problem with new service
- Report shows 80th percentile rule likely driving up health care spending

IDAHO

- Idaho Falls Hospital Announces New Residency Program
- Lawmakers Concerned About Health Provider Contract in Idaho
- Idaho to Allow New Insurance Plans Outside of Federal Health Law
- Official says center not at risk of losing Medicaid license

MONTANA

- Unionized employees of St. James in Butte 'disappointed' after being asked to bargain for award
- Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare, Kindred Healthcare team up for new rehab center
- Officials break ground in Billings on Montana's first freestanding rehab hospital
- UM graduates 12 family physicians; 11 say they'll stay in Montana
- Kalispell Regional Healthcare Sets Aside \$21.5 Million for Potential Settlement
- How Montana cut healthcare costs with reference-based pricing

OREGON

- Oregon consumer group takes Providence Health Plan to task for rate request
- Health Share Earns \$43M; Will Reinvest Into Community Health
- Oregon Primary Care Association Announces New Executive Director
- Nearly 200 Oregon hospital workers join union
- Oregon Hospitals Provide \$2.19 billion in Community Benefit Statewide
- Fewer People Are Dying In Hospitals

WASHINGTON



- A Washington health system expands its patient portal
- Providence St. Joseph adds former Intermountain CEO to board
- Washington's largest psychiatric hospital loses \$53 million in annual funding after failing survey
- Kennewick hospital could have new owners in a month
- Microsoft names two executives to lead new health care group
- Watered-Down Care in Washington State

WYOMING

- Enzi Seeks Creative Ways to Help Wyoming Lower Health Care Costs
- A Smart, Small, Familial Approach to Population Health
- Campbell County hospital spent \$31,000 to remove trustee

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Canopy Health's South Bay Expansion Approved by California Department of Managed Health Care
- Cash-strapped California hospital considers closure
- California budget boosts payments for doctors, dentists
- Joseph Health, St. Mary continues to expand with new MRI facility
- California hospital to lay off 137 employees
- Ex-CFO, 3 surgeons charged in \$950M kickback scheme in California
- Physician sues California hospital chain, claiming its physician poaching killed his practice

COLORADO

- Boulder County ERs reduce opioid use in face of drug abuse crisis
- Children's Hospital Colorado ranks among nation's best pediatric hospitals
- Colorado health system sues patient over \$229K surgery bill, jury awards \$766
- Why Colorado's health costs are so high, according to a new study
- Federal jury in Denver awards \$383.5 million in wrongful death lawsuits against DaVita
- Legislature working to reduce health care costs
- Banner Health leader Margo Karsten's three offices share one thing
- UCHealth opens rehabilitation unit in Fort Collins

HAWAII

- Hawaii Cancer Care Partners with Cardinal Healthcare Group
- Hawaii's Secrets: Sun, Surf, Health Care



NEVADA

- Las Vegas mental hospital loses nearly half of staff in 10 years
- Nevada may soon have most cases of Alzheimer's in the U.S.

UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare CEO named among most influential
- Utah's Newest Freestanding ER Underway in West Valley City
- 602 infants' data potentially disclosed by theft at Moran Eye Center
- More Utah Women Choosing to Give Birth in Out-of-Hospital Settings