

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JULY 6, 2018

NATIONAL

- Feds boast largest healthcare fraud takedown ever at \$2B in false claims
- GAO: 340B hospitals, contract pharmacies need more oversight
- CMS to waive MACRA's alternative payment model requirements for Medicare Advantage under test
- CMS: Doctors, hospitals received \$8.4B in payments from drug companies last year
- AHA urges CMS to expand start dates for BPCI Advanced
- CMS proposes reimbursing home health agencies for remote patient monitoring
- AHA to CMS: Industry needs more secure mobile apps
- State-by-state breakdown of 85 rural hospital closures
- How hospitals can learn from the manufacturing industry to curb medical errors
- More hospitals sue HHS over DSH payment calculations
- Drug, device companies gave docs, teaching hospitals \$8.4B in 2017
- CMS delays due dates for BPCI Advanced
- Challenges continue for small and rural practices under MIPS, GAO report finds
- Nearly half of healthcare organizations expect higher profits from value-based care
- Trump administration names new DEA head

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- New Connecticut Law Enables Providers to Prescribe Via Telemedicine
- Malloy will release long-delayed hospital payments this week
- Sharon Hospital to Close Maternity Ward
- Waterford psychologist pays \$126K to settle allegations regarding false claims
- Cigna names doctor, economist McClellan to board

MAINE

- NMMC changes in best practices earns hospital accolades
- Maine lawmakers to revisit Medicaid expansion after holiday
- Maine Quality Counts to merge with Connecticut firm

- MDI Biological Lab President Kevin Strange awarded \$12M grant

MASSACHUSETTS

- Why Boston Medical Center Is Investing In Housing
- Federal government denies Massachusetts' request to limit MassHealth drug coverage
- Berkshire nurses reach agreement, cut short planned strike
- biotechs just set an IPO record. Here's how much each company raised.
- Boston Scientific to buy California heart device startup

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Amazon's shakeup of the pharmacy industry has roots in New Hampshire

NEW YORK

- LI doctors charged in healthcare fraud crackdown
- 10 things to know about Oscar Health: A view of the company 6 years after its founding
- S. attorney: Urgent-care practice submitted false claims to Medicare
- Fired physician sues NYU Langone, saying doctor who died of overdose had endangered patients
- Long Island Hospital Build Its Own Garden To Feed Patients
- South Nassau and Empire reach deal
- Arnot Health CEO Dr. Robert Lambert

RHODE ISLAND

- UNAP members conduct informational picket outside Rhode Island Hospital
- Rubius Therapeutics to build \$155m facility in Rhode Island
- Southcoast to open Fall River urgent care center July 10
- Newport Hospital breaks ground on \$12.5M emergency room expansion

VERMONT

- UVM Medical Center nurses say they will go on strike
- Vermont to adopt rules to regulate new healthcare plans
- Hospital and nurses to resume contract talks Friday

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Delaware hospitals turn to robotic technology for some surgeries
- Beebe Healthcare is expanding in Delaware's fastest growing county
- Greenhill Pharmacy grows into regional footprint

- Delaware's Booming Population Drives Expansion in Healthcare

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- C.'s 2018 Construction Starts Up 22% From Last Year, Rank 3rd In U.S.
- MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Now Clinical With RayStation and Hyperscan

MARYLAND

- New nursing care provider takes over Marsh Pike facility
- CareFirst patient care program saves more than \$1 billion in health care costs
- From near bankruptcy to \$100M in the bank: How University of Maryland Capital Region Health CEO Neil J. Moore led organizational change
- MedStar Union Memorial fails preliminary accreditation due to problems with its inpatient dialysis center
- Johns Hopkins Hospital evacuates 2 buildings over TB exposure

NEW JERSEY

- Atlantic Health System, MedExpress partner in 11 New Jersey Urgent Care Centers
- Inspira Health unveils South Jersey's first inpatient medical detox unit
- Horizon pays N.J. surgery centers \$160M to settle claims it short-changed payments
- Health care union, Hudson County hospitals settle contracts
- Hudson Regional settles worker contract
- Teva Pharmaceuticals announces move to Parsippany
- Villa Marie Claire receives \$3M for palliative care study
- Senate passes nurse-to-patient requirement for nursing homes

PENNSYLVANIA

- Penn State Health says new hospital, practically next door to rival, moves it closer to its customers
- Summit Health taps Medline for distribution
- Pennsylvania ASC coalition slaps down \$100K tax burden
- Summit Health and Wellspan Health sign affiliation agreement
- Which of the three West Shore hospitals will be better? It might be hard for patients to figure out
- Pennsylvania hospital displays how robot is used in operating rooms
- Somerset Hospital explores merger with UPMC
- Former UPMC Worker Indicted for HIPAA Violations
- Geisinger makes quality pledge that lasts a lifetime
- Briefs: Pennsylvania Medical Society names two Berks doctors as Top Physicians Under 40
- Family Practice Doctor Pays \$360,000 to Settle False Claims Act Allegations

- Penn State Health St. Joseph cited in patient's death
- First Hospital and nurses reach contract agreement
- Pennsylvania hospital cited for failing to stabilize patient who died at separate facility
- Nurses, CHS reach agreement after strike at Pennsylvania hospital

VIRGINIA

- Medicaid company to pay \$3.3 million to Va. and federal government to settle false-claims allegations
- Newport News healthcare provider agrees to \$3M false claims settlement
- Kaiser Permanente to open new medical centers in Haymarket, Stafford
- Inova Health System joins shift in hospitals investing in inpatient behavioral health
- Layoffs expected at Inova in August

WEST VIRGINIA

- Pleasant Valley Hospital Recognized for Higher Quality in Maternity Care
- New WVU program aims to increase patient access and high paying jobs
- PEIA Task Force begins daunting work of reforming West Virginia health plan
- PVH receives an 'A' for patient safety in recent Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Iowa nurses charged with health care fraud for using patients to obtain prescription drugs
- Spencer Hospital to Open New Dialysis Center
- State of Iowa has no data to support Medicaid savings claim, health care official says
- Iowa awards Medicaid contract to company with \$23 million in fines

KANSAS

- Cray donates \$2 million to KU health system
- OP company files antitrust suit against pharmacy giant
- A heartfelt gift: KU Health System gets \$2M from former MGP chairman
- KU partnership will fill 'soaring' need for behavioral health professionals

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota-based Medica is expanding into Missouri, Oklahoma
- Good Samaritan, Sanford Health merger closer
- Minneapolis hospital system suspends some clinical trials
- Allina Health, Aetna name C-suite of venture

- University of Minnesota devotes \$2M to reduce MRI wait times
- BCBS of Minnesota scoops up Anthem exec as CEO

MISSOURI

- Minnesota-based Medica is expanding into Missouri, Oklahoma
- Nurses At Research Medical Center Protest Staffing Amid Contract Negotiations
- When it comes to bringing babies, St. Louis area docs have highest workload in country
- Missouri hospitals fear fallout from changes to Medicaid
- Vulnerable Rural Hospitals Face Tough Decisions On Questionable Billing Schemes
- Louis hospital system adding paid parental leave
- Barnes-Jewish, SLU hospitals rank high on price, low on quality; critics call rating unfair
- Mercy shares EHR data with J&J to evaluate medical device safety
- Missouri nonprofit loses Arkansas Medicaid contracts, begins 'transition timeline' for operations
- Thousands of patients' data stolen after Children's Mercy employees fall for scam
- Myra Christopher, longtime leader of Center for Practical Bioethics in KC, retires
- Missouri sees encouraging change in opioid-abuse deaths

NEBRASKA

- Reports show hospital's impact
- Seven Nebraskans, including one doctor, charged in national health care fraud takedown
- Winnebago Tribe takes over troubled hospital on reservation
- Natural birth center inside hospital is first of its kind in Nebraska
- Fremont Health moves forward with Nebraska Methodist partnership
- Nebraska's chief medical officer and public health director will retire in August
- UNMC's Munroe-Meyer Institute will move to former First Data site after \$85.1 million renovation

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health to merge with Good Sam
- Sanford CEO teases deal in Chicago market, suggesting even more growth for the system
- Former hospital CEO sentenced for failing to disclose gift
- South Dakota Supreme court sends hospital discrimination claim back for review
- Prairie Lakes Healthcare System names new CEO

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- [APNewsBreak: Illinois on hook for \\$300M in nursing care](#)
- [Illinois To Expand Number Of Physician Assistants Allowed By Law](#)
- [Sanford CEO teases deal in Chicago market, suggesting even more growth for the system](#)
- [\\$60 million hospital project in Taylorville](#)
- [Rogers Behavioral Health plans new treatment centers in Illinois, Florida](#)
- [Illinois firm buys Fox Point medical center](#)
- [New divisional leadership announced for OSF Children's Hospital, UICOMP](#)
- [Bellock named director of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services](#)
- [Feds Approve Illinois' Latest Hospital Assessment Program](#)

INDIANA

- [IU Health Selects Regional President](#)
- [Nashville company purchases New Albany rehab hospital for \\$23.4 million](#)
- [Anthem and Saint Joseph Health System reach a deal](#)
- [Indiana nursing home chain's ex-CEO sentenced for kickbacks](#)
- [DCMH announces home health partnership](#)
- [New CFO at Community Health Network](#)
- [DCMH announces home health partnership](#)
- [Work Begins on Bioscience Building](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Christ Hospital weighs options after ASC plans crumble, city to proceed with plans](#)
- [KVC Behavioral HealthCare Kentucky announces new president and vice president](#)
- [Mercy, Kindred Healthcare among companies posting the most job openings on Monster](#)
- [10 Kentucky health care providers busted for fraud, national takedown](#)
- [Louisville's largest-in-the-world aging-care cluster is growing and sharing best practices](#)
- [Parts of rural Kentucky are struggling to find accessible mental healthcare](#)
- [Judge blocks Kentucky's Medicaid work requirement](#)
- [Nurse practitioners filling the widening gap in health care](#)
- [KentuckyOne, NY firm hope to reach Jewish Hospital deal 'later this summer'](#)
- [Kentucky to cut dental, vision for up to 460K Medicaid recipients](#)
- [Appalachian Regional Healthcare finalizes purchase of Saint Joseph Martin hospital, clinics](#)
- [Humana and 2 firms close on Kindred Healthcare purchase](#)
- [Appalachian Regional Healthcare finalizes purchase of Saint Joseph Martin hospital, clinics](#)

- [Humana, private equity consortium finalize \\$4.1B Kindred purchase](#)
- [Here's how much Kindred execs made from sale to Humana-led consortium](#)
- [Humana suffers 'spoofing' cyberattack on 2 of its websites](#)

MICHIGAN

- [Colleges, nonprofit work to increase diversity in health care workforce](#)
- [Michigan Medicine Admits to Healthcare Data Breach in Laptop Theft](#)
- [Nurses' contract expected to expire without replacement](#)
- [Expert: MSU's handling of medical records could have violated HIPAA laws](#)
- [Concierge Medicine: A Trend That's Arrived In Northern Michigan?](#)
- [Saint Joseph Mercy, Mercy Health select new statewide chief strategy officer](#)
- [Michigan hospital sues 3 patient relatives over Facebook post](#)
- [Bill would create single-payer health care system in Michigan](#)
- [Report: DMC given clean bill of health by oversight board](#)
- [Children's hospital ranks among 'best' in US](#)
- [Jury awards \\$135M in medical malpractice case](#)
- [Senior living community plans \\$8.5M expansion](#)
- [Senior living campus plans \\$36M community](#)
- [3 states pass laws restricting opioid prescriptions](#)

OHIO

- [Christ Hospital weighs options after ASC plans crumble, city to proceed with plans](#)
- [Hospital unveils five-year plan for upping sustainability](#)
- [Summa Health's West Tower taking shape as hospital's new front door](#)
- [CareSource scrutinized over late payments as new Medicaid work arrives](#)
- [Cincinnati Children's jumps to No. 2 spot in nation, is first in Ohio](#)
- [MetroHealth unveils latest version of 'hospital in a park' plan](#)
- [Cleveland's bold new vision? Aim to become The Medical Capital](#)
- [Nurses Ratify Contract with the University of Cincinnati Medical Center](#)
- [Summa Health's interim chief signs on for another year to build on initial turnaround successes](#)
- [Hospital says it's not liable for loss of eggs, embryos in freezer malfunction](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic Joins Apple Health Records for EHR Patient Access](#)
- [Robert Maloney to serve as Anderson Hospital COO](#)
- [TriHealth taps doctor, businessman to fill board seats](#)

WISCONSIN

- Aurora Health Care buys \$14.5M plot for planned ASC, office building
- Wisconsin area considers consolidating emergency services
- Rogers Behavioral Health plans new treatment centers in Illinois, Florida
- Illinois firm buys Fox Point medical center

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- 104-bed Alabama hospital closes
- Alabama Recruits for Statewide Population Health, Genomics Program
- Alabama considers adding fifth long-term care home for veterans
- Alabama Genomic Health Initiative begins its recruitment

FLORIDA

- Hospital deal hinges on who stays on the hook
- Meridian partners with telehealth resource
- Orlando nonprofit gets financing deal to build major new health clinic in Ivey Lane area
- The future of Tampa Bay hospital care looks a lot like Apple and Amazon
- Hospitals file petitions to keep competitors out of Southwest Florida market
- Local doctors caught up in major federal health care fraud crackdown
- Planned Marion hospital spurs legal challenge
- Leader of Saint Alphonsus' Boise hospital accepts Florida job
- Miami health system partners with Philips on patient monitoring
- Challenge lodged against Munroe's TimberRidge plan
- Florida urogynecology network pays \$1.7 million to settle allegation of false claims
- Rogers Behavioral Health plans new treatment centers in Illinois, Florida
- Florida Hospital Tampa's affiliation with Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital brings high-quality pediatric care closer to home
- Florida physician network pays \$1.7M for allegedly misusing billing codes
- 3 states pass laws restricting opioid prescriptions
- UCF Health reports \$5.8M loss, risks losing physicians
- Lee Health appoints new chief HR officer

GEORGIA

- Northeast Georgia Health System clinics expanding to bear weight of Chestatee Regional closure

- Area hospitals struggle to find physicians and nurses
- Children's Healthcare wants to build a 446-bed pediatric hospital in DeKalb County
- Full-service cancer care returns to Northwest Georgia: CHI Memorial upgrading, reopening Parkway facility
- For rural Georgians with no nearby clinic, a doctor may soon be a phone call away
- Georgia hospital to close next month
- New hospital administrator in charge at PMC
- Northside Hospital Forsyth plans \$20 million expansion of surgical services
- Grady says plan in place, will be ready to handle south Fulton service
- Rural Georgia hospitals get a quick \$60 million infusion of donations
- Rural hospital tax credit program hits annual donation cap

MISSISSIPPI

- Starkville Hospital Partners With University of Mississippi
- Mississippi hospital delays insurer split pending mediation
- Mississippi Delta Hospital Could Be Leased to New Manager
- U of Mississippi Medical Center hospital bills could be up to 29 times higher for BCBS members if contract ends

NORTH CAROLINA

- Where can you find the best children's hospitals in NC?
- State's major health systems, CCPN link up ahead of Medicaid reform
- Chapel Hill Decision on UNC Health Care Development Delayed Until Fall
- Final beams placed at new 12-story Mission Health tower, fall 2019 opening expected
- Outer Banks Family Medicine, Urgent Care to get a new home
- The extent of anesthesiology layoffs at Atrium hospitals is detailed for first time
- Health care provider may have closed at least one Triad clinic
- Novant begins construction on Clemmons ambulatory surgical center
- Novant Health opens new Triad spine specialty clinic
- Layoffs loom after Southeast Anesthesiology loses Atrium Health contract
- Pain specialist clinic to gain High Point operator
- State's major health systems, CCPN link up ahead of Medicaid reform
- California surgical robot maker buys 6 acres in Durham

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Opioid overdoses costing South Carolina hospitals millions of dollars
- Some Charleston hospitals recognized for low C-section rates

TENNESSEE

- Nashville company purchases New Albany rehab hospital for \$23.4 million
- Briley: Nashville General Hospital CEO deserves 'a chance,' but must be scrutinized closely
- Nashville General Hospital paid ex-councilman in secret, says another ex-board member
- Erlanger's bid to build new emergency department in Bradley County, Tennessee denied
- Nashville General Hospital over the years
- Notes: New COO for Saint Thomas Rutherford
- Maury Regional hires Boyd as chief operating officer
- Opioid Measures Among New Tennessee Laws Kicking In
- Tennessee medical college lays off 55 nonfaculty employees
- Physician group to close dozens of clinics amid federal investigation into CEO
- CHS shares continue downward spiral, sink to new low
- Vanderbilt develops blockchain tech for medical record sharing
- 3 states pass laws restricting opioid prescriptions

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Heart Hospital plans top Bryant agenda
- Sparks Health CEO Dan McKay resigns for job in Kentucky; Brandon Bullard named interim CEO
- Behavioral health care provider's 700 workers told state units to close
- UAMS Gets \$1M for Chair in Otolaryngology

ARIZONA

- Phoenix has some of the most overworked OB/GYNs
- Banner Health partners with Lyft to offer ridesharing for patients

LOUISIANA

- Ochsner completes \$20 million expansion to clinic near Covington
- Lourdes to buy Women's & Children's Hospital
- CMS approves Oklahoma proposal for value-based Medicaid agreements with drug manufacturers
- Louisiana Budget With Deep Health Cuts Approved by House
- Louisiana Threatens to Evict Nursing Home Residents
- Digital health startup RDNnote gets another \$250K investment

NEW MEXICO

- Hospital board leader passes gavel
- NM nursing consortium facing dearth of funding
- New Mexico hospital names imaging department after long-serving radiologist
- Holy Cross Hospital opens pediatric clinic in Taos

OKLAHOMA

- Minnesota-based Medica is expanding into Missouri, Oklahoma
- CMS grants Oklahoma's amendment to negotiate value-based rebates with drugmakers
- Hopes of better days ahead for hospital
- Oklahoma's SoonerCare could get refunds if drugs don't make patients healthier
- Cherokee hospital continues offering blood tests after nurse improperly reused syringes

TEXAS

- New \$250 million medical center could bring 1,800 jobs to Mesquite
- Public-private venture will establish \$250M medical campus in Texas
- Children's Health CNO Mary Stowe Talks Nursing Shortage
- Hospital lab charge spikes found at rural hospitals
- Texas Clinics Bridge the Divide Between Mental, Physical Health Care
- New \$250 million medical center could bring 1,800 jobs to Mesquite
- 2 East Texas area residents charged in largest ever healthcare fraud enforcement
- Hospital Explosion Investigation Continues
- Dallas Physician Operator Arrested For Largest Health Care Fraud Scheme in DOJ History
- Nine workers remain in hospitals after Coryell Memorial Hospital explosion
- Moms-to-be more likely to rely on Medical City Lewisville
- Texas hospital reopens ER after deadly explosion
- Texas hospital settles overtime dispute with 197 ER employees
- Texas Health Resources plans 83-bed hospital in Mansfield
- Texas hospital to end inpatient care, ER services July 9
- Baylor Scott & White's Fort Worth, Dallas Campuses Experience Baby Booms

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Skagway secures summer medevac, leaves winter healthcare in question
- Legislature taking steps to address opioid epidemic

- Cordova hospital averts loss of internet access

IDAHO

- Leader of Saint Alphonsus' Boise hospital accepts Florida job
- Medicare and Medicaid drop Idaho Doctors' Hospital
- CMS to terminate Idaho hospital's Medicare billing privileges

MONTANA

- Complaint Details Fraud Allegations Against Kalispell Regional Healthcare
- Initiative to Extend Medicaid Expansion Nears Ballot Qualification

OREGON

- New report sheds light on Multnomah County's overburdened mental healthcare system
- PeaceHealth doctors and nurses rally over labor disputes in Eugene and Springfield
- Nearly 200 Oregon hospital workers join union
- CEO named for McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center in Springfield
- Telehealth now a cornerstone of many health care plans
- The Oregon Clinic President Dr. Craig Fausel retiring
- Oregon Effort to Declare Health Care a Right Falters
- McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center selects new CEO

WASHINGTON

- Washington launches online tool that lets patients compare prices for medical procedures
- Amazon to acquire online pharmacy PillPack
- H-Source's revenues rise as hospital margins fall
- New hospital price tool reveals average cost of surgeries at St. John

WYOMING

- Enzi Seeks Creative Ways to Help Wyoming Lower Health Care Costs
- Hospital boards tentatively OK new budgets
- Wyoming Medical Center to break ground on new hospitality home for patients, families
- John's Hospital gets traction on new Living Center

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Mercy, Kindred Healthcare among companies posting the most job openings on Monster
- More California hospitals give patients web access to doctor notes

- Children's Hospital Bond Act qualifies for November ballot
- Report: Surgical residents at Kern Medical get trauma experience, but not much else
- Ex-CFO, 3 surgeons charged in \$950M kickback scheme in California
- California hospital may reopen within 4 months under Adventist Health
- 9 more charged in California hospital fraud scheme
- LA hospital to pay \$550K in homeless patient dumping case
- Patient deaths, liver transplant failures spiked over 2 years at UC San Diego
- Shuttered 128-bed California hospital sells for \$33M
- Cash-strapped California hospital puts off closure talks, launches fundraising campaign
- Eastern Plumas Health Care CFO retires

COLORADO

- Legislature working to reduce health care costs
- Vibra Healthcare Announces Opening of Vibra Rehabilitation Hospital of Denver
- A Denver-area hospital sued a patient for nearly \$230,000 over her surgery bill. A jury said not so fast.
- DaVita Response to Legal Ruling
- Children's Hospital Colorado ranked among top pediatric hospitals
- Porter Adventist suspends transplant operations, forcing 232 patients to find another hospital
- Clear View names new chief executive officer

HAWAII

- Study: Hawai'i Ranks No. 1 for Overworked Nurses
- Automated billing improves Hawaiian health system cashflow by \$5M
- UH Cancer Center retains national designation

NEVADA

- Las Vegas mental hospital loses nearly half of staff in 10 years
- Report: Nevada's nurses, physicians overworked
- Nevada Regional Medical Center Receives \$2,000 Grant
- North Las Vegas hospital investigated amid abuse allegations
- Four Nevada residents charged as part of national health care fraud take down

UTAH

- Leonhardt's Launchpads, Utah Medtech Innovation Accelerator Expands in Salt Lake City
- Sponsor of Utah's Medicaid work requirements unfazed by Kentucky court decision
- USDA Invests In Opioid Health Care For Rural Utah Communities