

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JULY 13, 2018

NATIONAL

- CMS gives providers another week to decide whether to jump into BPCI Advanced
- The biggest financial pain points hospitals feel right now: Experts weigh in
- 340B overhaul at the top of Congress, Azar's mind
- CMS Suspends \$10.4B in Risk Adjustment Payments to Payers
- Atul Gawande starts first day as CEO of Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan health venture
- CMS to allow hospitals to withdraw from BPCI Advanced in March
- New Research Reveals MIPS Confusion Among Physicians
- AMGA urges CMS to lower MIPS exclusion threshold
- 63 new ASCs in 2018 so far
- Analysis: Many States Continue to Have Restrictive Telemedicine Policies
- Hospital consolidation alone hasn't delivered on promises of interoperability
- Amazon, Google, Apple to drive life sciences market to \$1.5T by 2022, report says
- GAO again recommends improvements to 340B program
- Amazon reportedly working with startup to launch medical product delivery at major health systems
- FCC unveils plans for a \$100M connected care pilot program
- CMS Proposes 2019 Physician Payment, Quality Payment Program Changes

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- UConn Health, Jackson Lab To Collaborate On Statewide Pain Consortium
- Vincent's nursing program's merger with SHU finalized
- Settlement Reached In Norwich Behavioral Health Case: AG Jepsen
- Norwich Health Practice Pays \$300,000 to Settle False Claims Act Violations
- DCP: Walmart Pharmacy first to link drug data in monitoring program

MAINE

- Portland developer of digital therapeutics for patients raises \$5.3 million

MASSACHUSETTS

- KeraNetics agrees to merge with Mass. biotechnology company
- Massachusetts House to consider opioid bill Wednesday
- Bill to combat opioid crisis rejects 72-hour hold, adds mandate for hospital care
- Boston startup Medically Home wants to bring the hospital to you
- Waltham biotech Visterra acquired by Japan's Otsuka for \$430M
- Question on nurse staffing limits to appear on November ballot
- Frances Anthes stepping down as health center CEO
- Fallon hires chief medical officer, SVP
- Worcester health center CEO to retire
- Beth Israel, Lahey merger faces pushback from attorney general

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire seeks public input on opioid response
- Payments freeze muddies NH health insurance market

NEW YORK

- Oscar Health finds a new headquarters
- New York hospital to build patient pavilion with 90 private rooms
- Arnot Health President Robert Lambert retires
- Company to pay \$15M to resolve false claims allegations
- First armed security guards stationed at NYC hospitals
- Pharma sues New York over 'unconstitutional' opioid tax
- NYC Health + Hospitals accused of age discrimination in lawsuit
- Ellis Medicine to remain independent
- Albany Med names new chief operating officer
- Long Island group moves ahead on LeRoy nursing home acquisition
- Wellsville hospital CEO receives national award
- Catholic Health hospital employees picket amid contract negotiations

RHODE ISLAND

- Rhode Island Hospital Lands \$13M Renovation Project
- Rhode Island Hospital, Union Reach Tentative Contract Agreement
- I. Congressional delegation pushes for immediate release of \$12.5M opioid funding
- Westerly Hospital welcomes new associate chief nursing officer

VERMONT

- Sanders: Nurses' contract negotiation is about priorities
- Clinic coming to Brattleboro eschews health insurance
- Nurses' contract agreement was not reached, talks continue
- UVM Medical nurses strike: Burlington unions say they'll join nurses on picket line
- Vermont hospital to spend more than \$3M on improved MRI services
- Nurses working without contract as negotiations continue

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Beebe releases new details of medical campus expansion
- For Delaware's primary care doctors, exciting times are ahead
- Highmark requests 5.7% rate increase for ACA health plans
- Report: Cancer mortality rates on decline in Delaware
- State-of-the-art medical office coming to Churchmans Road
- Bayhealth to open \$314M replacement hospital in February

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- MedStar Health Names Doner as Agency of Record
- C. hospital gets the green light for a new helipad
- Howard University Hospital taps Crystal Wheeler as chief people officer

MARYLAND

- Joint Commission denies Baltimore hospital preliminary accreditation
- City sets standards for scoring hospitals on how well they can treat opioid addiction
- Maryland governor signs federal all-payer health contract
- Inside look at Atlantic General Hospital's newest cancer care center
- Baltimore hospitals to be classified based on ability to treat opioid addiction, overdoses
- Baltimore biotech targeting rare diseases raises \$4 million

NEW JERSEY

- Fort Monmouth's Hexagon will be home to RWJBarnabas medical campus
- \$5.9M addition: Cooper expands emergency department to keep pace with growing demand
- AMI AtlantiCare opens imaging center in Manahawkin
- Hackensack UMC, UHC offer bundled payment option for joint, spine procedures
- Hampshire Cos. breaks ground on medical offices project

PENNSYLVANIA

- Nurse union reaches labor agreement with CHS
- Federal Court Sides with Main Line Health in HIPAA Violation Case
- Wills Eye Hospital receives \$5 million gift from Farbers
- Pennsylvania hospital cited for failing to stabilize patient who died at separate facility
- Pittsburgh Hospitals Put Protocols, Safety Measures In Place To Protect Patients' Embryos
- How Philly can grow the next generation of leading biotech startups
- UPMC to open Family Care Connection Center in Penn Hills
- William Jennings is Reading Hospital's new CEO
- Geisinger purchases medical office building occupied by its rival for \$6.4M
- Lehigh Valley Health Network plans \$111M ED revamp

VIRGINIA

- Inova Health System joins shift in hospitals investing in inpatient behavioral health
- Sentara Healthcare To Develop 24-Bed Hospital
- Local delegation raises concerns over planned hospital tax
- Northam tours Norton Community Hospital, talks Medicaid expansion
- VCU Health employee inappropriately accesses 4.7K patients' EHRs

WEST VIRGINIA

- Ex-West Virginia health CEO charged with harassing successor
- Wheeling Hospital again earns national recognition for treating heart attacks

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Judge scolds University of Iowa for delays in children's hospital dispute
- Iowa's doctor-licensing board places its director on leave, but it won't say why
- Tower of Troubles: Acclaimed UI Children's Hospital emerges from blown budget and deadlines
- Why one Iowa hospital uses essential oils in its ER
- Broadlawns to add a third floor to hospital with \$29M expansion

KANSAS

- Labette Health trustees OK Chanute clinic
- Health care has been a 'consistent and stable' employer in Wichita. But is it growing?
- Sabetha Community Hospital receives Level IV Trauma Center Designation

- These are the 5 biggest surgery centers in the Kansas City-area
- How a hospital bed shortage is harming mental healthcare in rural Kansas
- Topeka's St. Francis has a new CEO
- Shawnee Mission Health's new CEO outlines expansion plans
- Michael Mullins to serve as permanent leader of St. John Health System

MINNESOTA

- Hutchinson Health expansion completed
- Minnesota health plans at risk to lose \$71.1M
- Cloud Hospital Ranked Best In Midwest For Open Heart Surgery
- Minneapolis-based insurer Bright Health adding three new states

MISSOURI

- Missouri tells providers to use managed Medicaid or face a 10% payment cut
- SLU Hospital helping kidney transplant patients with strategies for finding donors
- Children's Mercy Hospital Phishing Attack Impacts PHI of 60K
- Proposed class action over fees charged for medical records removed to federal court
- Louis hospitals ramping up efforts to head off OB-GYN doctor shortage
- New Dunklin Co. hospital on ballot for August
- CHS closes Missouri hospital; physicians put their money on the line to expand services
- These are the 5 biggest surgery centers in the Kansas City-area
- Children's Mercy facing class-action lawsuit after data breach
- Patient demand drives \$70 million expansion on Hospital Hill
- Things still aren't going well for Missouri hospital skewered by an audit last year
- Third lawsuit filed over MU biojoint surgery
- Missouri system lays off 68 employees, 45 IT contractors
- Cass Regional Medical Center: Restoration 90% complete after ransomware attack

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska's chief medical officer and public health director will retire in August
- Healthcare Expansion in Nebraska on the November Ballot
- Is telehealth the answer to Nebraska's mental health care shortage?
- Methodist Health, Fremont Health moving ahead with partnership
- UNMC Looks To Improve Patient Care With \$2.6 Million Grant
- UNL, UNMC show off \$44 million collaboration for nursing, health center; 'we are stronger together'

- UNMC grant to improve patient care with RN's enhanced role
- 'The secret sauce for success'; UNL, UNMC show off \$44 million collaboration

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health continues to expand its reach beyond South Dakota

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Illinois teaching hospital escapes whistleblower lawsuit
- The new director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.
- Quincy City Council approves two Blessing Hospital requests
- South Shore Hospital tells state it needs \$3 million in funding by Aug. 1 to avoid shutdown
- Chicago hospital needs \$3M infusion to avoid closure

INDIANA

- Deaconess, Methodist Agree on Affiliation
- IU Health's new regional leader looking to future
- Hendricks Regional Health disputes Anthem's payment rates at new Brownsburg hospital
- USI, Memorial Hospital partner to bring nurses to area
- Are Nurse Practitioners The Solution To Indiana's Physician Shortage?
- IU Researchers Working Toward 'On-Demand' Organs
- Community Rehab Hospital Opens in Greenwood

KENTUCKY

- Louisville-based Humana named Kentucky's most valuable brand
- UK HealthCare patients seek class-action status for lawsuit alleging illegal billing
- Humana forced by feds to pay out back wages
- Patients Seek Class-Action Status for Lawsuit Over Billing
- Kentucky doctor said Anthem is making people afraid to go to ER
- KVC Health Systems names executive vice president of clinical advancement
- Guilty verdict reinstated for KY doctor accused of doing unneeded heart procedures
- Humana And Private Equity Finalize \$1.4 Billion Curo Health Hospice Deal
- A look at the \$14 million in Louisville health care projects approved by the state
- Kindred Continues Growth of Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital Business in Partnership with Leading Health Systems
- Louisville-based Global Healthcare acquiring firm in Germany

MICHIGAN

- Ascension At Home expands home health, hospice services in Michigan, other states
- Spectrum Health takes regional approach to Fremont, Ludington hospitals
- Mercy Health to begin work on urgent care in former Old Country Buffet
- Munson VP works to build a culture of safety
- Lapeer nurses vote to authorize strike if contract agreement isn't reached
- Spectrum Health System plans acquisition of Lakeland Health
- Medical company makes leadership changes
- Investor acquires medical device manufacturer
- Randall Kelley to serve as president of 2 Spectrum Health hospitals

OHIO

- Kettering Health to build larger Troy hospital than first planned
- CareSource to expand into veterans health care
- Ohio State University seeks annexation of land, tax incentives for new outpatient campus
- How an Ohio health system says it cut opioid prescriptions for acute pain by 62%
- Timeline: Here's what's next for Good Sam closure
- Cleveland Clinic joins 50 hospitals in deploying Apple Health Records
- UC Health moves helicopter base to NKY
- Elizabeth launches precision medicine center focused on genetics
- UH Samaritan building new \$17M facility in Madison, bringing jobs to the area
- UC Health, West Chester Hospital reach settlement in case alleging negligence for credentialing Dr. Atiq Durrani
- University Hospitals Opens New Medical Center In Cleveland
- Cleveland Clinic announces collaboration with medical group in China
- UC Health acquires doctor group
- Bulk of Ohio physicians still overprescribe opioids, despite legislation
- U of Cincinnati Health to end exec health program

WISCONSIN

- Navitus builds new headquarters, keeps distance from big drug benefit managers
- Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Milwaukee working to become tertiary-care hospital
- Audit finds \$2.4M Medicare overpayments at U. Wisconsin Hospitals
- Phishing attack on Manitowoc County breaches PHI for 3 months
- Wisconsin DHS announces new grants to support health care access in rural areas

- Advocate Aurora Health and Foxconn plan to collaborate on developing new technology for health care
- Advocate Aurora Health enters employee wellness, 'smart city' collaboration with Foxconn
- OIG tags Wisconsin hospital for erroneous billing
- Luke Beirl is Hayward Area Memorial Hospital's permanent CEO

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- New CEO takes reigns at BWWMH
- North Alabama Medical Center recruits new specialized physicians to the Shoals
- An ER That's Making Thoughtful Changes — and Happier Patients
- How safe are Alabama's hospitals? Here are the latest report cards
- Health IT is going through a 'renaissance' – 3 questions with U of Alabama at Birmingham department of medicine CIO Nazmul Islam
- New health care company opens in City Federal Building

FLORIDA

- Nemours CEO ready to embrace community
- Florida practitioners agree to pay \$1.7M to resolve false claims case
- Hospitals in Collier challenge competitors for new Estero hospital
- Hospitals in Northeast Florida keep construction contractors busy
- Jacksonville's Liberty Ambulance must pay \$1.2 million settlement to feds
- Tampa medical firm sells clinical research arm
- New Seven Rivers CEO touts benefits of Bayfront, targets wait times, cardiovascular care
- FHCA debuts downtown Tallahassee headquarters after \$3M expansion
- Lee Health docs complain of 'burnout,' top-heavy administration
- Florida Hospital taps new CFO, COO for DeLand facility
- Florida Health Care Association opens new training center

GEORGIA

- An Atlanta-based app uses blockchain to make it easier for patients to access their health information
- FMC to appeal rejection of open heart surgery CON
- New chief operating officer named for Coliseum Health System
- Hospital buys into SNF beds
- CHOA celebrates opening of new Center for Advanced Pediatrics

MISSISSIPPI

- OCH Regional, UMMC celebrate new affiliation
- Mississippi edits work requirement proposal

NORTH CAROLINA

- Atrium Health pilot could help narrow rural health-care gap through emerging tech
- Brown named VP of Iredell Health System physician network
- Duke teams with Microsoft to open a medical research hub
- Novant Health Rowan takes on initiatives, goals
- A high-profile lawsuit against Atrium Health comes to an end
- Hospitals across the Piedmont are dealing with a shortage of drugs including morphine and fentanyl citrate
- KeraNetics agrees to merge with Mass. biotechnology company
- North Carolina hospital seeks to resume low-risk deliveries
- Wake Forest Baptist files papers for renovations in its main hospital
- Will Mission-HCA deal speed closure of rural WNC hospitals?
- Feds threaten to boot Triangle nursing homes accused of patient abuse out of Medicare
- UNC Rex Healthcare names Ernie Bovio COO
- Nearly \$11 million in work proposed at Wesley Long
- UNC Hospitals ready to break ground on new surgical tower
- Why UNC Hospitals is seeking approval for \$32M outpatient clinics
- Medical practice eyes \$3.1M in new facilities after split from Atrium Health
- 28 ambulances break down while transporting patients to hospitals in Charlotte, N.C.
- Vidant Health chief administrative officer retires

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Health Sciences South Carolina lights up a FHIR-based clinical data repository
- MUSC names a new chief innovation officer

TENNESSEE

- Comprehensive Pain Specialists closure: What to know after pain clinics shut down
- Saint Thomas Health names CFO for two hospitals
- HCA looks to sell Louisiana hospital
- Giant pain clinic company closing doors months after CEO indicted for Medicare fraud
- Public health care company CEO retires

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Family gives \$1 million to Arkansas hospital
- Arkansas director focuses on patient-centered care
- Arkansas Children's Hospital ex-employee investigated for misuse of patient info
- Sparks Health System CEO to Resign July 15

ARIZONA

- Federal funding cuts could lead to fewer health care navigators in Arizona
- Business awards earned in Southern Arizona
- After 20 years, Arizona Heart Hospital continues to innovate

LOUISIANA

- New Chief Operating Officer for Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center begins first week
- Ochsner opens physical therapy clinic in former Walgreens location Uptown

NEW MEXICO

- Holy Cross Hospital opens pediatric clinic in Taos
- Ex-Santa Fe cardiologist sentenced to four years in fraud case
- Health care company hires for more than 100 jobs in Albuquerque
- New Mexico physician fakes cancer diagnosis to avoid 4-year sentence for billing fraud

OKLAHOMA

- Executive Q&A with Jay Johnson: Duncan hospital CEO returns home to provide utmost care to area families
- Michael Mullins to serve as permanent leader of St. John Health System

TEXAS

- Texas must help consumers understand freestanding ERs
- Feds say kickbacks and bribes forced surgical patients to travel long distance to Dallas hospital
- Texas hospital ends automatic lunch breaks for ER staff over payroll dispute
- Lawsuit: Texas hospital violated HIPAA, mischaracterized lab results to police
- New leadership at Texas Children's Cancer Center
- An Updated List of Rural Hospital Closures in Texas Since 2010
- Healthcare less affordable than other basic needs for many Texans: 5 poll findings
- Christus Health Makes Oncology Investment In East Texas
- How Texas clinics are breaking down mental healthcare barriers
- Methodist Dallas To Get A New Unit For the Terminally Ill
- Texas Loses Precious Residency Spots As UNTHSC-affiliated Program Shuttters

- Rehabilitation provider opens \$22M facility in Fort Worth
- Texans missing or delaying needed treatment because health costs too high
- Plano hospital firm hires JLL to manage properties in D-FW and nationwide
- Houston proposes 70% increase in ambulance transport fees
- Famed Baylor St. Luke's surgeon sues Houston Chronicle, ProPublica for defamation
- HCA helps fill gap in care left by Houston hospital closure

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Federal funding increase will keep CCMC connected
- Connection Between Alaska Hospitals and State PDMP Goes Live
- Medical providers stand behind 80th percentile rule

IDAHO

- Idaho pharmacist sues hospital, alleging discrimination
- Two-thirds of Idahoans support Medicaid expansion to 62,000; District 7 comes out strong

MONTANA

- CFO: Montana hospital engaged in billing fraud, kickback scheme
- Roundup hospital to launch ePharmacy service
- Mineral Community Hospital appoints interim CEO

OREGON

- Providence Portland Medical Center names permanent chief executive
- OHA report details insurance payments to hospitals for most common procedures
- Legacy's new CFO already knows her way around Portland
- Legacy Health taps MultiCare executive as new CFO

WASHINGTON

- Trios Health just sold this patient service
- AP Exclusive: Washington psychiatric hospital called 'hell'
- Tacoma rehab hospital gets new interim boss and final certification
- Cantwell talks healthcare, pre-existing conditions at MultiCare Deaconness
- Doctor: 100 patients waiting on Johnny Delashaw licensing decision
- HCA announces new chief medical officer
- UW Medicine to implement single EHR platform

- [Photo Tour: CHI Franciscan Rehabilitation Hospital](#)
- [Ex-Swedish Health exec sees medical license reinstated](#)

WYOMING

- [John's Hospital gets traction on new Living Center](#)
- [opioid task force talks laws, education](#)

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- [Doctors, nurses and insurers are spending big to determine how you'll get your health care](#)
- [Cedars-Sinai Appoints New COO](#)
- [California physician pleads not guilty to workers comp fraud, perjury for referring patients to ASC](#)
- [Work in health care? Keep an eye on these five California bills that could become law](#)
- [California hospital shuts down, new operator hopes to reopen facility](#)
- [California hospital settlement reinstalls staff, bylaws, leadership from early 2016](#)
- [Pharmas call off price hikes after California law forces new warnings: report](#)
- [Large Medical Groups Join California's Manifest MedEx Network](#)
- [Construction delays plague California hospital expansion](#)
- [California needs more mental health professionals – and the shortage will get worse, experts say](#)
- [Verity Health may sell St. Vincent and its other hospitals](#)
- [Blue Shield of California pushes for greater interoperability](#)
- [PM Pediatrics expanding into California](#)
- [Mark Twain Medical Center CEO to resign](#)
- [Mary Medical Center to launch expansion, modernization project after nearby hospital closure](#)
- [Shuttered California hospital sues insurer to cover \\$42M whistle-blower settlement](#)
- [Cedars-Sinai Medical Center taps UMass Memorial exec as COO](#)

COLORADO

- [Community support has St. Vincent hospital in Leadville back on solid financial footing](#)
- [Community Hospital expands orthopedic practice, welcomes 2 spine surgeons](#)
- [Sterling Regional MedCenter wins top honor among peers](#)
- [Vail Health officials working to control costs and retain independence](#)

HAWAII

- [AlohaCare launches \\$5M community investment program](#)

- University of Hawaii medical school helps address physician shortage
- UH Hilo Doctor of Nursing Practice now an established program

NEVADA

- Dignity Health showcases clean energy leadership in Nevada
- Patients in limbo after vandals hit air conditioning unit at Las Vegas medical center
- Las Vegas fares well in prescription drug price comparison
- New mobile health clinic to help seniors in Las Vegas Valley

UTAH

- Intermountain funds \$12M collaborative SDOH effort
- Intermountain pours \$12M into social determinants of health effort
- Medical judgments can form basis of False Claims Act cases - 10th Circuit