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- [Amazon has a secret health tech team called 1492 working on medical records, virtual doc visits](#)
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NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [Medical mile vision coming to fruition in Newtown](#)
- [Sharon Hospital Sold To Regional Group, Returns To Nonprofit Status](#)
- [Access Health CT Warns Remaining Insurers May Leave](#)
- [New Canaan's Silver Hill Hospital Names New President](#)
- [CT hospitals using app to coordinate care](#)
- [Charter Oak Health Center gets \\$300K grant for specialty services project](#)
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- [Stanley commits \\$2M to Hartford Hospital](#)

MAINE

- [Maine getting almost \\$6M to improve public health prep](#)
- [Pen Bay must adapt to stop financial losses](#)

- [Maine Supreme Court rules hospital did not discriminate against nurse over disability](#)
- [New Google tool gives Maine doctors a second set of eyes and hands](#)
- [LincolnHealth breaks ground on \\$13.7M project in Damariscotta](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

- [Top Boston Official Placed on Leave](#)
- [Berkshire Medical Center nurses vote to authorize a strike](#)
- [Tewksbury Hospital PHI Data Breach Threatens 1K Patients](#)
- [Former Massachusetts biotech CEO accused of defrauding investors](#)
- [Gov. Baker to Sign Health Care Fee, Wait on Medicaid Changes](#)
- [Minuteman Health placed under state control](#)
- [Bedford's Ocular Therapeutix turns to layoffs after FDA rejection](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [Executive Council OK's state hospital staffing review](#)
- [Connected device deemed successful in health management program](#)

NEW YORK

- [New York, Justice Department secure \\$4.4 million settlement with health care provider](#)
- [Health care provider with \\$996 million New York contract announces cuts to national workforce](#)
- [Michael Breslin Named Chief Financial Officer of NewYork-Presbyterian](#)
- [Epic rollout at New York hospital backed by \\$5.7 million state grant](#)
- [Area health care facilities get \\$11M boost](#)
- [NewYork-Presbyterian launches pediatric telehealth option](#)
- [WebMD is sold](#)

RHODE ISLAND

- [3 months later, Care New England and Partners still working on merger deal](#)
- [Women & Infants Hospital president steps down](#)
- [Brown receives \\$9.2M to create bioluminescent neuroscience tools](#)

VERMONT

- [Vermont hospitals seek \\$2.5B from patients, insurers](#)

- Community raises over \$30,000 to support CVHHH Hospice at annual golf tournament

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- This D.C. company just launched on-demand prescription delivery
- Former head of DC veterans hospital fired after investigation

MARYLAND

- Evergreen Health in tailspin after purchase group backs out
- Meritus plans \$15M outpatient center near Maugansville
- United Therapeutics in Settlement Talks With Justice Department -- Update
- 4 questions with Jon Burns, CIO of University of Maryland Medical System
- Maryland regulators suspend Evergreen Health from market as investor seeks to save it
- Appeals court allows lawsuit against CareFirst to advance
- MedStar joins seven institutions in new home-based care initiative

NEW JERSEY

- New Jersey hospital to open ED blocks from rival hospital after state approval
- New Rutgers partnership to create N.J.'s largest academic health system
- Atlantic Health CEO to chair American Hospital Association
- Medical device lawsuit names The Valley Hospital, surgeons
- Summit to be paid \$5.56M in new deal with Atlantic Health
- Hackensack Meridian, nurses agree on new contract
- A doctor in the house: South Jersey health system gets a new leader
- Lourdes Health System CEO and president retires
- Sutherland Healthcare names chief medical officer

PENNSYLVANIA

- Pennsylvania eases Highmark's reporting requirements for Allegheny Health investments
- Universal Health Services profit falls \$3 million in second quarter, for-profit hospital operator lowers outlook
- A new national insurer is coming into the Pittsburgh region's Medicare Advantage market
- State's nursing home fines more than double in a year, 13-times higher over three years

- Tandigm Health makes new deal to better care, costs of oncology care
- Wilkes-Barre General gets trauma center
- St. Luke's receives green light for new hospital in Milford Township
- Geisinger Holy Spirit named Level II trauma center
- 'Steady progress' — AHN CFO retraces journey toward profitability

VIRGINIA

- Sentara RMH gets new designation
- This fall, Inova Health will launch its Personalized Health Accelerator
- Sentara Norfolk General taps new COO
- Hospitals take final steps to form health system
- Two-Year Expansion of Reston Hospital Center Close to Getting Underway

WEST VIRGINIA

- Area hospitals faring better financially than CAMC
- Healthcare CEO uses YouTube to unveil job cuts
- Woman claims Charleston Area Medical Center isn't licensed to collect debt
- West Virginia hospital's new copay policy aims to curb nonemergency visits in the ER
- Hospital group leader expects more announcements like CAMC's

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-Iowa to expand services in Oelwein
- Univ of Iowa Hospital to Pay Respiratory Therapists \$95K in Overtime

KANSAS

- St. Francis Health Foundation closing but all charitable assets remaining in Topeka
- Specialty Practices Drive Growth in Kansas City Medical Office Market
- Whistleblower case prompts suit against KU Health for fraud, negligence
- KU Cancer Center upgrade bid denied, but Children's Mercy Hospital approved as partner

MINNESOTA

- Nurses at Buffalo Hospital reach tentative agreement
- Medtronic closes on \$6.1 billion sale of supply lines to Cardinal Health

- Children's Minnesota CFO, vocal in Blue Cross dispute, steps down
- Which Minnesota medical clinics patients like best
- Children's Minnesota names Emily Chapman CMO
- Last insurer will bow out of MNsure small-business program

MISSOURI

- MU Health opens new multi-million dollar center
- SSM Health Medical Minute: New effort to increase kidney transplant utilization
- Owner of home health company pleads in \$1.4M tax fraud scheme
- Mid-Missouri hospital faces steep uphill climb to stay open
- Boone Hospital Center trustees to explore MU Health partnership
- 3 things to know from the PCRCM hospital board
- Ralph Nader's nonprofit wants to shut down heart attack study at St. Luke's
- Ascension names new chair and board member

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska Medicine plans new clinic in Elkhorn
- Nebraska's Only ACA Insurer Seeks Rate Increase
- NantHealth Signs Three-Year Extension Contract With Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska
- Boys Town National Research Hospital to expand focus on communication research

NORTH DAKOTA

- St. Alexius nurses file for unionization vote
- North Dakota: Hospitals must disclose air ambulance coverage
- 147-page report outlines Hettinger nursing home violations
- Bismarck to be site of new behavioral health initiative

SOUTH DAKOTA

- South Dakota hospital to cease inpatient, emergency services
- Avera Queen of Peace to launch hospitalist program in August

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Vivek Kundra Promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Outcome Health

- [Amita Health eyes \\$43 million expansion](#)
- [New CEO to lead Decatur hospital](#)
- [Walgreens takes minority stake in \\$1.4 billion purchase of pharmacy provider](#)
- [HSHS St. Mary's Hospital selects CEO: 4 notes](#)

INDIANA

- [Methodist Hospital seeks formal link with Deaconess](#)
- [Flat-fee payment model bypasses traditional health insurance](#)
- [Jury rules against ex-WellPoint exec in lawsuit over firing](#)
- [Kindred hospital to get new name under venture with Community](#)
- [Celebrating the new E.R.](#)
- [Community Health takes over a dozen Walgreens area clinics](#)
- [New CEO Named at Deaconess Health, and Other Job Changes](#)
- [Microhospitals Scaling Down For Convenience, Efficiency](#)
- [Community Hospital, University of Chicago partner to treat high-risk pregnancies in Northwest Indiana](#)
- [Grant to Expand Eskenazi Health Program](#)
- [Riley Children's Health appoints COO, CMO](#)
- [IU Health CEO's systemwide tour takeaway: Managing demand at destination hospitals a consistent obstacle](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Methodist Hospital seeks formal link with Deaconess](#)
- [Kindred's Stock Falls. Could New Proposed Payment Rule Be To Blame?](#)
- [Kindred hospital to get new name under venture with Community](#)
- [EMS Agencies in Kentucky Address the Impact of Paramedic Shortages and Hospital Closures](#)
- [Kindred To Shutter White Rock Lake Location](#)
- [Humana increases guidance again after strong 2Q earnings](#)
- [PharMerica agrees to be sold to KKR, Walgreens for \\$1.4B; then go private](#)

MICHIGAN

- [DMC Names New Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and Sinai-Grace Hospital CEOs](#)
- [Holland Hospital plans \\$14.5 million expansion of birthing center](#)
- [Molina to close Midwest Health Center in primary care pullback](#)
- [Crittenton Hospital in Rochester Hills is first to be renamed in Ascension Health system](#)

- [Cancer Center for Women Now Open in Rochester, Michigan](#)
- [Michigan delays posting proposed health insurance rates](#)
- [Ascension plans \\$63.1 million in capital projects for Macomb-Oakland and Providence hospitals](#)
- [Spectrum Health brings urgent care to Rockford with new \\$13M patient facility](#)

OHIO

- [Adena Bone & Joint Center partners with Fayette County Memorial Hospital: 3 takeaways](#)
- [Kindred hospital closure to affect 111 jobs](#)
- [Medical Mutual and University Hospitals deal a competitive win for Cleveland: editorial](#)
- [University Hospitals joins Medical Mutual of Ohio's SuperMed network](#)
- [Five health care companies to pick up patients plans after two companies leave Health Care Exchange](#)
- [Summa Health releases quality report in effort to be more transparent](#)
- [OhioHealth O'Bleness continues to go green](#)
- [CareSource to further expand health insurance products in Ohio](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic opens Center for Men's Health](#)
- [Trinity's new chief executive begins his duties](#)
- [4 thoughts on modernizing the supply chain with a Cardinal Health leader](#)
- [Cardinal Health Reports Q4 and Fiscal 2017 Results, Provides 2018 Guidance](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic signs deal with Molina Healthcare amid CareSource fallout](#)
- [UC Health hospital notifies patients of medical records being compromised](#)
- [Molina cutting 10% of workforce nationwide, not disclosing impact on Columbus](#)
- [Calling all readers: How a Cleveland Clinic and CareSource split will affect you](#)
- [PatientPoint Acquires the Patient Education Network, Deepens Oncology Footprint](#)
- [Judge dismisses lawsuit challenging Cleveland Clinic's closure of 108-year-old hospital](#)
- [MetroHealth hires first chief ethics and compliance officer](#)

WISCONSIN

- [Marshfield Clinic Research Institute names Acharya executive director](#)
- [Molina Healthcare Leaving Wisconsin's ACA Exchange](#)
- [Wisconsin insurance company raises \\$10k to support new facility with ASC: 3 highlights](#)
- [Rogers treatment facility permit issue nearing resolution](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Children's Of Alabama To Construct New Office Building And Parking Deck](#)
- [Alabama officials end RCO program; hint at Medicaid changes](#)
- [Flowers Hospital names Thomas Roddy COO](#)
- [Alabama abandons plan to reform Medicaid program](#)

FLORIDA

- [Tampa thyroid specialist settles false billings claims for \\$4M](#)
- [Tampa nursing home company files for bankruptcy](#)
- [West Florida Hospital unveils new robot technology](#)
- [UCF Gets Permission to Build Teaching Hospital](#)
- [SNF Operator Senior Care Group Files for Bankruptcy](#)
- [Florida health care admin charged in \\$1B Medicare fraud case](#)
- [Lee Memorial Hospital sues to evict patient refusing discharge to nursing home](#)
- [Joe Natoli: Takes his broad leadership record to Baptist Health role](#)
- [Lack Of Residency Slots In Florida Leaves Some Doctors Without Licenses](#)

GEORGIA

- [What's delaying the Northside-Gwinnett Medical hospital merger?](#)
- [South Georgia Medical Center appoints new CDO](#)
- [Northeast Georgia Health System names new CFO](#)
- [Hospital withholds settlement records in fired employee's suit over mandatory flu shot](#)
- [Billion-dollar Brookhaven hospital rising quickly along Interstate 85](#)
- [Grady Memorial Hospital acquires land for \\$142 million surgical center](#)
- [Pain clinic and owner to pay \\$250k to settle billing fraud case](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Forrest Health board approves succession plan for Dillard](#)
- [Methodist Rehab Center names new chief nursing officer](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Vidant integrates with ECU to unify health care services](#)
- [Mission Health, Aetna strike new multi-year agreement](#)

- Mission offers its own health care plan
- Vidant Health names Zervos executive director of Vidant Cancer Care
- Miller named chief operating officer at Park Ridge Health
- Blue Cross of N.C. lowers requested rate increase for ACA plans next year
- LabCorp to take over Chiltern in \$1.2 billion deal
- Team8 visits Triad; nonprofit has new CEO; hospice groups expand
- Novan's interim CEO outlines future focus

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Some MUSC physicians refuse to sign employment contracts over change to RVU-based compensation
- Hospital looks at affiliation one year later
- Health Sciences South Carolina names CEO: 3 things to know

TENNESSEE

- VUMC, United renew contract
- Hospital stocks sink after HCA's earnings stumble
- Satchel Health adds another \$1.5M for its post-acute-focused telemedicine platform
- Community Health Systems Says It's Selling Off Even More Hospitals
- Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt Vertical Expansion
- Ferguson: Saint Thomas Rutherford expansion plans reflection of area's growth
- Tenet sells 3 Texas hospitals to HCA
- CHS' Smith: Aiming to get 'back to growth mode' in '18
- Fred's sales 'slower to materialize,' leadership remains confident
- St. Jude continues flurry of construction in July
- TriStar Centennial Medical Center names HCA hospital exec COO
- TeamHealth names Philip McSween EVP

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas Heart Hospital opens new clinic in Arkadelphia
- New Medical School in Western Arkansas Welcomes First Class
- Doctor On Demand's Video Medicine Available Now in State of Arkansas

ARIZONA

- Banner Health names new chief financial officer
- Banner Health opens 3 clinics at Arizona grocery stores

LOUISIANA

- LHC Group announces joint venture with Christus Health
- CHRISTUS Health partnering with Imperial Calcasieu Surgical Center
- Ochsner, St. Tammany add new technology to neurological care

NEW MEXICO

- Longtime NM hospital CEO to retire
- New Mexico: Patients can skip surprise emergency-care bills
- Presbyterian names new CFO

OKLAHOMA

- EMSA kickback case may have expanded to criminal probe
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority could lose as much as \$120 million in funding
- New State Telemedicine Laws Show Provider Hurdles Remain
- Nebraska's only remaining Obamacare insurer proposes average rate increase of nearly 17 percent

TEXAS

- Texas county will soon lose its only cardiologist
- Dallas-Based Company at Center of Medical Bill Questions
- The C-suite table at Memorial Hermann is starting to look pretty empty as more executives leave Houston nonprofit system
- New State Telemedicine Laws Show Provider Hurdles Remain
- Kindred To Shutter White Rock Lake Location
- Bankrupt Adeptus Health to issue patient refunds to avoid consumer backlash
- CHC charity organization looks to boost rural hospitals' finances
- Baylor Scott & White, USPI purchase majority stake in Texas Spine & Joint Hospital — but still can't expand inpatient beds
- Texas hospital closes, lays off 60
- Health care staffing firm to move its headquarters to Cypress Waters
- Developer, hospital system team up on master-planned community's medical district
- University Hospital in San Antonio plans \$390M expansion

NORTHWEST

(Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington)

ALASKA

- Health insurer files for rate decrease for Alaska market
- Murkowski's healthcare vote causes a stir in Washington and Alaska

IDAHO

- Idaho health insurers propose steep rate hikes for 2018

MONTANA

- Kalispell Regional Names New CEO
- St. Vincent Healthcare unveils renovated ICU

OREGON

- Oregon hospitals are gearing up for eclipse
- Should hospitals pay property taxes?
- What you need to know about the Oregon-born CRISPR gene-editing breakthrough

WASHINGTON

- Everett Clinic, two others open new health-care clinics
- Seattle Children's opening pediatric cardiology clinic in Great Falls
- Jay Inslee names Western State CEO Cheryl Strange to head DSHS
- Tacoma area fares worst on preventable hospital stays; Eastside comes out best

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Providence St. Joseph Health announces \$10M mental health funding
- Molina Healthcare begins laying off Long Beach workers
- McKesson to open distribution center in Roseville, employing about 166
- Covered California announces 12.5% increase in 2018
- Meritage Medical Network announces its chief medical officer
- 8 questions for Santa Rosa Community Health Centers CEO Naomi Fuchs

COLORADO

- Mercy named among Colorado's top hospitals for nurses
- DaVita earnings beat expectations, despite problems in California, overseas
- Clovis enters cancer drug agreement with pharmaceutical giant
- Aspen Valley Hospital CFO retires

HAWAII

- Hawaii insurers seek to raise ACA premiums by 20% or more in 2018
- Head of Kaiser Permanente Hawaii to retire
- Kaiser names new CEO for Maui Health System

NEVADA

- Nevada hospital explores three options
- New rehabilitation hospital being built in Henderson
- Stemming physician turnover

UTAH

- Intermountain CEO: Digital health doesn't have to conflict with human touch
- Molina Healthcare to exit ACA exchanges in Utah, Wisconsin