

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - AUGUST 11, 2017

NATIONAL

- 7 statistics on physician compensation — average sign on bonus is \$18k
- Elderly may be blocked from suing nursing homes for neglect, abuse
- 25% of Physicians Dissatisfied with Provider Compensation Rates
- 9 hospitals, health systems opening or planning ASCs — July 2017
- Non-physician providers, support staff a driving factor behind more profitable physician groups, MGMA survey says
- Senate passes FDA user fee and right-to-try bills
- ECW False Claims Act violation a new area of healthcare fraud
- U.S. News Announces 2017-18 Best Hospitals
- Best and worst states for health care
- New Delivery Model for Rural Care Proposed
- CMS: Hospitals to submit meaningful use data via QualityNet in 2018
- 14 latest hospital, health system CEO moves
- 82% of group practices rate MACRA's Quality Payment Program as 'very' or 'extremely' burdensome
- Senate Majority Leader: 'I'm not sure frankly what happens next' on healthcare

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- WalletHub: Connecticut is a top state for health care
- Connecticut welcomes first healthcare captive
- CT Children's names new president, COO
- Access Health CEO Says Both Insurers Could Leave Connecticut's Exchange
- Prospect names new Waterbury Hospital CEO
- CT docs, Anthem update value-based contract
- New Haven's Melinta merging with N.C.'s Cempla

MAINE

- Westbrook expects big impact from Maine Med's arrival
- Acadia Hospital names new president

- Federal court dismisses Maine health insurer's \$23 million claim
- LincolnHealth breaks ground on \$13.7M project in Damariscotta
- Senators want to address doctor shortage with new bill
- Millinocket nursing shortfall could result in one-day strike

MASSACHUSETTS

- Nurses plan picket outside Baystate Health headquarters
- Boston Medical uses tech to cut patient handoff errors by a third
- WebMD rival Buoy Health plans new hires with \$6.7M funding
- Long-term care hospital to close in October
- All Metro Health buys Independence Healthcare
- Community benefits spending among Massachusetts hospitals on decline: 5 things to know
- Cleveland Clinic partners with Boston Children's Hospital: 4 things to know
- How Boston has transformed itself into a powerful digital health ecosystem
- WebMD rival Buoy Health plans new hires with \$6.7M funding
- Fresenius to buy Lawrence-based NxStage Medical for \$2B
- Cape Cod Healthcare to cut roughly 55 employees under Quest partnership

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

- Care New England reports \$6.5M loss in third quarter
- Fitch ratings downgrades CNE credit rating to BB
- 2 R.I. hospitals ranked by U.S. News Best Regional Hospitals 2017-2018

VERMONT

- Conroy takes over as CEO and President of Dartmouth-Hitchcock
- UVM Health Network about to book \$50M in savings
- Rutland Regional named a 'Best Regional Hospital' by U.S. News

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

Delaware

- Medical Society of Delaware Tests Blockchain to Improve Healthcare Access
- State struggles to attract doctors

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- DC mother says she received poor care at United Medical Center
- New rankings: Where you'll find the best hospitals in the DC area
- DC orders hospital to suspend baby deliveries, prenatal care

MARYLAND

- Hospitalist group changes name as it seeks to grow
- Aperio Health wants to work with those on the front lines of healthcare
- Evergreen Health CEO resigns after company is placed into receivership
- MedStar Health joins national initiative to train more doctors to make house calls
- MedStar opens new orthopedic center in Lutherville-Timonium after \$10M renovation
- University of Maryland Medical unveils plans for \$100M outpatient center

NEW JERSEY

- State pushes hospitals to provide more financial information
- Northvale woman will lead Bergen Regional Medical Center
- 17 New Jersey Hospitals Get \$36.4M To Improve Patient Care
- Charting her own course: For new CEO of Bergen medical center, being a Latina gives her special insight into the state's health care community
- HackensackUMC once again tops U.S. News' ranking of N.J. hospitals
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VIRGINIA

- Evolent Health stock falls on bigger loss, new stock offering
- UVa hospital named best in Virginia by U.S. News
- LewisGale Hospital Pulaski drops 'interim' from CEO Sean Pressman's title: 3 notes

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Iowa pays \$175k to settle UI hospital malpractice complaint
- Iowa named second best state for health care
- Grassley praises funding progress for 'tweener' hospitals
- Mississippi Valley Surgery Center to proceed with \$8M modernization project
- SMC emergency room gets remodel as part of construction project

KANSAS

- KU Hospital, St. Luke's once again top U.S. News rankings of Kansas City hospitals
- Inspection backlog affects kidney dialysis clinics in Kansas
- Children's clinic construction continues at Geary Community Hospital
- Kansas' only medical school receives new 171,000-sf building
- KU Cancer Center upgrade bid denied, but Children's Mercy Hospital approved as partner
- University of Kansas Hospital recognized as "Best Hospital" in Kansas, Kansas City

MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic keeps top spot in 2017 'Best Hospital' rankings
- North Memorial expands primary care network
- Protest planned outside Mayo HQ today over Albert Lea hospital consolidation

MISSOURI

- Providers warn Anthem's ER policy may violate federal law
- Dr. Anthony Tersigni: Addressing healthcare disparities is central to improving health of all communities
- Mallinckrodt acquires InfaCare in deal worth up to \$425 million
- Two mid-Missouri hospitals could combine resources to compete on statewide level
- Lake Regional Health System names new chief executive
- Cape Girardeau hospital introduces new surgical system
- Ascension Holdings appoints Dr. Jason Dinger as chief incubations officer
- Audit Finds Tiny Missouri Hospital Served As 'Shell' For \$90 Million Billing Scheme
- Patient alleges St. Louis University Hospital, doctor performed unnecessary surgery
- High Court Upholds Ruling for Mercy — Malpractice Suit Filed Against Hospital
- St. Louis-based Abbott EMS to get a new owner in \$2.4 billion deal

NEBRASKA

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska signs new contract with NantHealth
- Help wanted: Hospitals having tough time finding new nurses

NORTH DAKOTA

- Southwest ND county gives hospital \$250,000 amid financial difficulties
- New ND law aims to avoid huge bills for air ambulance rides

SOUTH DAKOTA

- South Dakota named 7th best state for health care by WalletHub
- Sanford ranks in GI procedures in latest 'Best Hospitals' list

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese gets new leader
- Groove Health gets \$1.6M for analytics platform focused on medication adherence
- Presence Health to sell two hospitals
- 22-Bed Central Illinois Hospital to Get Major Upgrade
- One Illinois medical center lands on list of best U.S. hospitals
- Centegra Health sues Illinois board for improperly approving competitor's \$79.5M hospital plan

INDIANA

- Emergency department expansion focuses on improving patient care
- Providers warn Anthem's ER policy may violate federal law
- Medicare penalizing 62 Indiana hospitals for high readmission rates
- Anthem takes harder line on ER visits
- Jon Vanator Named Chief Financial Officer for IU Health East Central Region
- St. Vincent to Add StatFlight in Evansville
- Indy Healthcare Staffing Agency Acquired
- Hendricks Regional Health Adding Jobs

KENTUCKY

- Norton Healthcare and Kentucky Primary Care Association announce collaboration
- Kindred's Q2 Report: Exiting Nursing Facilities Slows Growth
- KentuckyOne narrows suitors for Jewish Hospital, enters 'due diligence phase'
- Kindred, competitors worried about federal home health care proposal
- Norton Healthcare beats Baptist Health Louisville in US News rankings
- HealthSouth rehabilitation hospital to host groundbreaking for expansion on August 23
- Kindred to close Detroit hospital, lay off 145 employees
- Kindred Healthcare posts \$409 million loss, shares continue to dip
- UK Healthcare Resumes Pediatric Heart Surgeries
- UK recruits a new leader for its medical campus from Duke
- Almost Family tops EPS projections, narrowly misses on revenue
- See which Kentucky hospitals rated the best by U.S. News & World Report
- Will Jewish Hospital's organ-transplant program survive KentuckyOne Health's sell-off?

MICHIGAN

- 16 Michigan groups divide \$6M to address opioid crisis, behavioral health
- Crittenton Hospital adopts Ascension brand
- Molina Healthcare to close Dearborn clinic, lay off 120
- SURVEY: Michigan healthcare is about average compared to all 50 states
- Ascension plans \$63.1 million in capital projects for Macomb-Oakland and Providence hospitals
- Small Kalamazoo-based pharmaceutical company strikes a \$40 million deal
- Michigan delays posting proposed health insurance rates

- Kindred to close Detroit hospital, lay off 145 employees
- Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital names new CEO
- Ciena Healthcare opens rehab unit in Michigan healthcare center
- Spectrum debuts new Strive service blending traditional care, wellness
- Report: UM hospitals ranked best in Michigan

OHIO

- Here are Greater Cincinnati's best hospitals, according to U.S. News
- Akron Children's Hospital plots out regional plan
- 40 Mercy Health jobs leaving area
- Dayton's third largest hospital group rebrands itself
- Ohio hospital deal leads U.S. municipal bond sales next week
- PX: 5 unanswered questions about politics of stalled Children's deal
- Cleveland Clinic partners with Boston Children's Hospital: 4 things to know
- Cleveland Clinic and Molina Healthcare announce new Medicaid agreement
- Local residents speak out against Cincinnati Children's Hospital's \$650M expansion plan
- Ohio's best hospitals, according to U.S. News & World Report's latest rankings
- New leader takes helm at clinical trials alliance
- Sycamore Township-based home care firm reports record revenue
- What to do if you're a Cleveland Clinic patient with CareSource
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital CEO: City council's request for more money is unacceptable

WISCONSIN

- Aurora St. Luke's ranked top hospital in Milwaukee area
- Marshfield Clinic files appeal to build hospital in Minocqua
- Aurora opening clinic at West Allis Six Points development

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Ivey announces \$4 million grant for USA Medical Center
- Help Wanted: Alabama's Rural Healthcare Crisis
- UAB Hospital named best in state by U.S. News & World Report
- Alabama ranks near bottom on list of best states for health care

- [Alabama hospital to close after 60 years](#)

FLORIDA

- [Lee Health will lose \\$3.4 million in Medicare payments because of readmission rates](#)
- [CMS Approves State Capitated Medicaid Program in Florida](#)
- [Jupiter Medical Center launches telemedicine platform](#)
- [Special Report: Cardiac care in Florida](#)
- [Baptist Hospital retakes top hospital ranking from Cleveland Clinic Florida](#)
- [Florida Medicaid managed care demonstration gets 5-year extension](#)
- [Lee Health claims travel insurer underpaid \\$4 million in medical bills](#)
- [State approves new Lake Nona hospital](#)
- [HealthSouth Sunrise Rehabilitation Hospital LLC accused of negligence](#)
- [Sanford Burnham CEO retires as some faculty leave](#)
- [Campbellton-Graceville Hospital deal off the table](#)
- [Florida ranks near bottom on list of best states for health care](#)
- [American Red Cross names Nowlin CEO of South Florida region](#)
- [Lee Health board approves \\$306M hospital expansion project](#)
- [Broward executive resigns amid accusations she improperly steered \\$1.7M to marketing firm](#)

GEORGIA

- [Former Hutcheson hospital under new management: CHI Memorial to manage Cornerstone Medical Center](#)
- [Hospital alliance chief answers questions about proposed Lee hospital](#)
- [Georgia hospital CEOs named to national lobby](#)
- [Hospital to pay \\$2.5 million to settle claims that it billed patients' ambulance trips to SNFs as emergencies](#)
- [Piedmont Healthcare opens 27 retail clinics in Atlanta Walgreens stores](#)
- [Major health insurance company pulling out of metro Atlanta](#)
- [New MCG residency program could help keep doctors in Augusta](#)
- [Navicent reaches settlement agreement in ambulance fraud case](#)
- [Grady Memorial Hospital acquires land for \\$142 million surgical center](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Is the nurse practitioner the answer to Mississippi's health care shortage?](#)
- [Forrest General Hospital welcomes new group of 3-year residents](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Mission Health lands \\$1.25M grant for behavioral health care](#)
- [Pfizer to invest \\$100 million in N Carolina for gene therapy](#)
- [North Carolina lags in latest health care survey](#)
- [The Briefcase: Prendergast named as CEO of local rehab hospital](#)
- [DHHS Reveals More Details about Medicaid Reform Plan](#)
- [Team8 visits Triad; nonprofit has new CEO; hospice groups expand](#)
- [Vaya Health announces new chief officer, department for population health](#)
- [Nash UNC Health Care board names interim CEO](#)
- [Novant Health, HealthSouth name CEO for new Triad rehab hospital](#)
- [Cone Health system rated 'high performing' in adult care](#)
- [Mission Hospital, Madison County renegotiate ambulance services contract](#)
- [Lawsuits allege fist-size bedsores at Cape Fear Valley](#)
- [St. Luke's Hospital opens new cancer, infusion center](#)
- [Blue Cross Blue Shield NC names new president and CEO](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [MUSC gets top ranking](#)
- [New Hospital Coming to Medical 'Desert' in South Carolina](#)
- [S.C. looks to grow life sciences industry](#)
- [MUSC extends deadline for doctors to sign new contracts](#)
- [Hospital looks at affiliation one year later](#)
- [Health Sciences South Carolina names CEO: 3 things to know](#)
- [Roper St. Francis opens new clinic for those in need](#)

TENNESSEE

- [Tennessee's best hospital: Vanderbilt tops rankings, UT Medical No. 2](#)
- [TriStar Centennial gets new COO](#)
- [As Middle Tennessee's population grows, demand for doctors increases](#)
- [Only hospital in Scott County reopens](#)
- [AccentCare Strikes Joint Venture Deal with UCLA Health](#)
- [Tenet Completes Sale of Three Houston Hospitals to HCA](#)

- CHS announces hospital sales worth \$1.5B in revenue amidst 'disappointing' 2nd quarter losses
- Nashville health care firm inks \$2.4 billion deal
- Nashville surgical company sold
- Nashville health care company sold
- Updated: St. Jude continues flurry of construction
- Quorum Health sees net loss narrow to \$30.6M, plans more hospital sales

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas Ranked as One of Nation's Worst States for Health Care
- CHI St. Vincent Infirmery ranked as top hospital in Arkansas

ARIZONA

- Though successful in arbitration, hospital can't bring suit against former CEO
- Police: Man stayed in Phoenix hospital's basement, stole \$36k worth of equipment
- US News & World Report: These are the top 14 hospitals in Arizona

LOUISIANA

- CrescentCare & GCHP To Break Ground on Major New Health Campus
- St. Tammany Parish Hospital has expansion plans
- Louisiana dead last in healthcare rank claims Wallethub
- Big Louisiana medical system expands
- Ochsner, St. Tammany add new technology to neurological care

NEW MEXICO

- Critics attack University of New Mexico Hospital policy
- UNM regents set to consider hospital expansion
- How paramedics helped BlueCross BlueShield of New Mexico reduce ER usage, readmissions

OKLAHOMA

- Nurse practitioner: Grassroots help needed to change Oklahoma nursing law
- Shortage of OB-GYNs in Oklahoma a serious health concern

TEXAS

- Kindred's Q2 Report: Exiting Nursing Facilities Slows Growth
- Leaders of \$374 Million Home Health Care Fraud Denied Acquittal
- Low patient volumes drive Tenet Healthcare to cut annual forecast; shares fall
- Baylor Scott & White Health, USPI Partner with Texas Spine & Joint
- Texas among the worst states for health care quality in new online ranking
- Hospital district clears way for new operator
- Is East Coast bias hurting the Texas Medical Center?
- Tenet Completes Sale of Three Houston Hospitals to HCA
- Baylor Scott & White Health, USPI Partner with Texas Spine & Joint
- Nashville health care firm inks \$2.4 billion deal
- Houston pharma co. shakes up C-suite again
- Houston hospital named best in Texas by U.S. News & World Report
- Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center CEO retires 1 day before sale to HCA is complete
- St. David's Round Rock Medical Center names Jeremy Barclay CEO

NORTHWEST

(Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming)

IDAHO

- SJRMC Names Blain Claypool as CEO
- 6 Disciplined After Abuse Allegations at Home for Disabled

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

WYOMING

- New Wyoming Medical Center CEO praises culture, calls for collaboration

- Twelve Wyoming health facilities take part in national health survey

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- After staggering Q2 loss, Molina healthcare scores court victory over \$52 million in risk corridor payments
- California hospitals score a win in suit over Medi-Cal cuts
- AccentCare Strikes Joint Venture Deal with UCLA Health
- Kaiser's operating income jumps 57% to \$772M
- Dignity, UCSF Health Announce Bay Area Collaboration
- Highland Hospital Becomes Only Level 1 Adult Trauma Center In East Bay Area
- Why more Medi-Cal patients ended up at the ER after UC Davis cut their primary care
- Why do Sacramento area hospitals have lower C-section rates than most others in California?
- 2 Los Angeles hospitals named among America's best

COLORADO

- Colorado's American Medical Response ambulance business to be sold in \$2.4 billion deal
- St. Thomas More Hospital plans to complete Medical Office Building in February
- Grand Valley hospitals collaborate to offer transitional care
- After breakneck build, Longs Peak Hospital prepares to welcome patients
- Talyst acquired by Swisslog Healthcare
- Axis Health opens new facility in Pagosa Springs
- U.S. News ranks a Colorado hospital tops in the nation for respiratory care

HAWAII

- New CEO for Health Center
- Hawaii's top 2 health insurers propose rate increases
- Hawaii's largest hospital ranks nationally on U.S. News & World Report list
- Hawaii to receive \$477,000 from drug manufacturer settlement

NEVADA

- Anthem leaving Nevada health exchange in 'significant blow'
- Qualls named new CEO of Mount Grant General Hospital

UTAH

- 'Clouds hanging over' U. in wake of cancer institute rift, v.p. says
- More than 15 Utah hospitals will be penalized by feds for poor patient readmission rates
- Emails explain clash between Huntsmans and the U. over Huntsman Cancer Institute CEO's firing
- With Molina leaving, Utah's biggest insurer commits to the ACA marketplace
- Intermountain Medical Center Ranked by U.S. News as One of 'America's Best Hospitals'