

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

NATIONAL

- Health IT passes first big test with Hurricane Harvey
- Hickenlooper-Kasich health care proposal calls for retaining individual mandate, funding CSRs
- Bundled payments on 'pause,' but not for long
- After Harvey, telemedicine connects doctors to displaced patients
- New U.S. surgeon general sworn in Tuesday
- Specialty practices way behind on MACRA readiness, survey shows
- Sen. Alexander says healthcare bill coming 'within 10 days'

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- 9 employees of Connecticut Valley Hospital face charges after allegedly abusing patient
- Hartford HealthCare Headache Center opens in Waterford
- Hartford addiction center to pay \$627K to settle false-claims allegations
- Gaylord Hospital opens unit for complex stroke patients
- Iora Health opens first CT primary care office in Hartford
- Trinity Health CEO stepping down at year's end

MAINE

- Maine DHHS to Receive Close to \$1.8 Million
- Teresa Vieira to serve as president of 2 EMHS hospitals: 4 points
- St. Mary's Health System appoints Peter Holden interim president: 5 things to know

MASSACHUSETTS

- Report outlines financial condition of Mass. hospitals
- Chris Dadlez to step down as CEO of Trinity Health Of New England
- Median margin for Massachusetts hospitals in 2016: 3.1%
- Hospital Moves Forward With CEO Search
- Massachusetts hospital opens new neurosurgery program: 5 things to know
- Steward Health Care withholds financial information amid growth

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Dartmouth-Hitchcock's New Chief Executive Sets Her Priorities
- Hospital infection rate remains steady in New Hampshire
- New Hampshire hospital cuts 17 jobs with closure of patient accounts department

NEW YORK

- New York Health Care Center Breaks Ground
- Decision Nears For New Location Of Brooks Memorial Hospital
- Centers Health Care acquires 7 nursing homes
- Carthage Area Hospital completes closure of skilled-nursing unit

RHODE ISLAND

- Hospital owner promises 'solution' for troubled pension plan
- Magellan Health to expand in Rhode Island, add 100 new jobs

VERMONT

- Two UVM Health Network hospitals struggle financially
- RRMC plans \$21.7M addition
- Vermont hospital seeking \$21.7M expansion for office space

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- At the District's only public hospital, consultants' fees mount — along with trouble
- United Medical Center to evaluate Veritas consulting agreement amid financial troubles
- MedStar Health names new president of Harbor Hospital
- Bowser gets behind St. Elizabeths campus as future home for new hospital

MARYLAND

- University of Maryland Medical System takes ownership of Prince George's hospitals
- Upper Chesapeake Health officials provide more details about hospital changes
- UMMS assumes ownership of Dimensions Healthcare System
- UMMS takes critical step toward building a new Prince George's hospital
- Omega Healthcare acquires 15 Indiana nursing homes for \$190 million

- [Evergreen Health to be liquidated: 5 things to know](#)
- [MedStar Health names new president of Harbor Hospital](#)

NEW JERSEY

- [Caution, as Cooper Hospital expands its empire | Editorial](#)
- [Villa Marie Claire Hospice receives \\$5M from New Jersey budget](#)
- [This hospital merger makes sense for Trenton | Editorial](#)
- [Why does New Jersey have a shortage of nurses?](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

- [Philly jury awards \\$3.35 million in Bensalem woman's medical malpractice suit](#)
- [Two Philly hospitals sold in \\$170 million deal](#)
- [Empowering Future Female Leaders: Q&A with the CEO of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Madeline Bell](#)
- [UPMC posts 22.5% drop in operating income for FY 2017](#)
- [Genesis HealthCare to lay off 72 with voluntary closure of nursing home](#)
- [Einstein Healthcare Network selects new CIO: 4 things to know](#)
- [UPMC unveils new \\$19 million Hampton outpatient center](#)
- [PinnacleHealth's new hospitals to remain in Humana network](#)
- [Health system mega-merger to combine Cooper, Lourdes and St. Francis](#)
- [Consumer protection law could be gutted if lawsuit against nursing home chain isn't revived, AG says](#)
- [Colorado medical-device maker merges into Pennsylvania company](#)
- [Wills Eye has glimmer of hope to regain Medicare hospital status](#)
- [Medical device companies merge into Pittsburgh-based firm](#)

VIRGINIA

- [Centra hospitals face penalties over Medicare patients' readmissions](#)
- [Virginia hospitals improve on patient safety scores](#)

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- [University of Iowa Health Care considers larger regional partner](#)
- [Iowa hospital's fitness program goes national](#)
- [Teaching health centers vital to solving physician shortage in Iowa](#)

- Hospital in Iowa plans to add \$9.78M behavior health center
- Donlin named top hospital CEO to know
- Mercy to test care model with focus on social, environment needs
- Hansen Family Hospital's interim CEO is Katie Rieks: 3 points

KANSAS

- Kansas hunting for Medicaid inspector after long vacancy
- LMH, Bert Nash leaders wary of privatizing Osawatomie hospital

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota Finds a Way to Slow Soaring Health Premiums
- Mayo plans to move forward
- U of M Medical School's Duluth campus gets \$10 million gift
- Anesthesiologist files 4 antitrust complaints against Mayo Clinic
- Mayo executive: Consolidation plan in Albert Lea not expected to achieve short-term profits

MISSOURI

- Ascension Living appoints new president, CEO
- The privacy of your medical records is more at risk in Missouri than any other state its size
- Missouri Hospital Association reacts to Utah nurse video, encourages hospital policy dialogue
- Ascension settles lawsuit over pension plan exemption
- Fast-growing physical therapy chain will hit three KC locations
- Missouri hospital fires 12 employees for alleged mistreatment of patients

NEBRASKA

- Disabilities provider cuts back services in northeast Nebraska
- Nurses at Bismarck hospital vote not to unionize
- With Methodist Health System vacating West Dodge offices, property could have mixed-use future

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health clocks 1M patient visits to global clinics, seeks expansion

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Baxter completes \$270 million expansion in eastern Alabama
- Advocate Health's revenues climb 7.6%, but operating income drops 41%
- University of Illinois Hospital nurses plan strike
- Vista hospital in deal to be sold to for-profit psych firm
- Presence Health lags turnaround goals
- About 1,200 U of Illinois Hospital nurses plan Sept. 13 strike
- UI set to spend \$100 million to upgrade IT systems at Chicago hospital
- Fast-growing Chicago physical therapy provider enters Kansas City market for first time
- Franklin Hospital taps new CFO: 3 notes
- Advocate Health Care appoints Dr. Barbara Byrne CIO

INDIANA

- Healthcare Access to Deliver Babies Is Disappearing in Rural Indiana
- Indiana proposes work mandate for state health coverage
- Omega Healthcare acquires 15 Indiana nursing homes for \$190 million
- Lilly eliminating 3,500 jobs as part of cost-cutting plan
- Ohio Company Acquires Indiana Nursing Centers
- Indiana-Connected Telehealth Effort Lands Funding
- RAND: Average price for outpatient hospital care in Indiana 358% of Medicare rate

KENTUCKY

- UK HealthCare increasing transplant commitment to Louisville | Dr. Roberto Gedaly
- Kindred Healthcare sells skilled-nursing facilities for \$519 million
- Kentucky HIPAA Violation Case Ruling Held by Appeals Court
- Claire Regional Medical Center introduces St. Claire HealthCare
- Humana cuts at-home care jobs in Louisville, nationally
- Christ Hospital adds jobs as it expands in NKY

MICHIGAN

- Spectrum Health partners with Meijer for co-branded meds
- Rosenberg Named CIO for Michigan Medicine
- Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's future could be on the integration bandwagon
- Mercy Health Muskegon gets new leader in midst of \$271M project

- [Could Michigan Provide A New Model For Medical Malpractice Reform?](#)
- [Metro Health CEO to retire following U-M deal](#)

OHIO

- [Cleveland Clinic names new CEO to take over for Toby Cosgrove](#)
- [AcessPointe Community Health Centers names LaTrice D. Snodgrass COO](#)
- [Salem hospital names new board members](#)
- [In Cleveland, competing hospitals band together to fight opioid epidemic](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic triples operating income through higher patient volumes](#)
- [How smart pump EHR integration could save a community hospital \\$2 million](#)
- [Wexner Medical Center teams up with court to connect patients with guardians](#)
- [Here's what Summa had to say about the appointment of its new Emergency Medicine chair](#)
- [Xenia nursing home sold to New Jersey company for \\$7.5 million](#)
- [Christ Hospital adds jobs as it expands in NKY](#)

WISCONSIN

- [Ascension renames St. Clare's, St. Michael's hospitals in move toward unified brand](#)
- [Fortis nursing homes and assisted-living centers would get new operators under proposal](#)
- [UW Health joins 'telementoring' effort to spread knowledge about pediatric care](#)
- [Wisconsin health system's expansion with ASC nearly complete — 3 key notes](#)
- [Health tech company expands to Wisconsin](#)
- [ProHealth Care plans second floor addition to Mukwonago facility](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Baxter completes \\$270 million expansion in eastern Alabama](#)
- [Fairhope neurologist pleads guilty in health care fraud case](#)
- [UAB lands \\$1.5M gift from major Birmingham company](#)
- [USA Health System names Carl Biber assistant CFO: 4 things to know](#)

FLORIDA

- [Covenant Care Opens Inpatient Hospice Center At Sacred Heart Hospital](#)
- [Charitable arm looks to separate from Bayfront Health. Could a sale of the hospital be next?](#)

- [Golisano Children's Hospital patient use surging months after opening](#)
- [Health Notes: Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville gets highest rating for its stroke program](#)
- [University of Miami Health CEO Altschuler to resign](#)
- [Seaside Surgery Center CEO, medical director named surgery chief at Florida hospital — 4 insights](#)
- [Surgical Center Proposal Re-Emerges For 2018 Season](#)
- [Sneak peek: Tour the new \\$203M Florida Hospital Apopka before it opens](#)

GEORGIA

- [Piedmont system to keep growing with acquisition of Conyers hospital](#)
- [WellStar unveils new \\$77 million Vinings health park \(SLIDESHOW\)](#)
- [Piedmont Healthcare names new CEO of Rockdale hospital](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Mississippi Medicaid recovers \\$8.6M in misspent money](#)
- [Hospital in Mississippi Downsizing Amid Financial Issues](#)
- [Ochsner to operate Hancock Medical Center long term](#)
- [Baptist Memorial just the latest boost to downtown Jackson employers](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Will the Triangle lose control to Charlotte as health care partnership takes shape?](#)
- [Mission CEO: You can't compare David and Goliath](#)
- [Big Carolinas HealthCare System deal could be prelude to full-blown merger, lawmaker says](#)
- [CHS announces plan to merge with UNC Health Care, form medical giant](#)
- [Catawba Regional Hospice CEO spearheads organization's growth](#)
- [A tale of two hospitals](#)
- [Novant reports slight decline in excess revenue in second quarter](#)
- [Triad hospital adds 4 operating rooms with \\$10 million project](#)
- [11 health systems finalize partnership in North Carolina to address needs of Medicaid patients](#)
- [Triad company to open new senior living community in South Carolina](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [Medicaid fraud in South Carolina largely tied to health care providers](#)
- [Triad company to open new senior living community in South Carolina](#)

TENNESSEE

- [Ashley Johnson Appointed Chief Financial Officer of HCA Healthcare's American Group](#)
- [New owner, CEO for Nashville health care company](#)
- [Chattanooga-Based Home Health Entities To Pay \\$1.8 Million For Improper Medicare Billing](#)
- [Saint Thomas Health taps Michelle Robertson as COO: 4 things to know](#)
- [Analysis: HCA, Tenet see uncompensated care costs rise this year](#)
- [Surgery Partners CEO out](#)
- [Moody's downgrades CHS as struggles continue](#)

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- [CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs to Invest \\$1.6M in Nursing Programs](#)
- [Conway Regional Offers an Inside Peek Into Its Operation](#)

ARIZONA

- [Banner Health secures \\$550 million bond issue for new Phoenix, Tucson teaching hospitals](#)

LOUISIANA

- [Ochsner to operate Hancock Medical Center long term](#)
- [New Orleans-area nonprofit to run Mississippi hospital](#)
- [Novartis CEO Jimenez to step down early next year](#)
- [10 years after Hurricane Katrina: Q&A with Ochsner CEO Warner Thomas](#)

NEW MEXICO

- [Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center and Christus Health to Pay \\$12.24 Million to Settle Medicaid False Claims Act Allegations](#)
- [New Mexico Man Sentenced in Arizona Medicaid Billing Scheme](#)
- [Lovelace adopts new tech, slashing previous amount of needed systems](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [Oklahoma doctor agrees to pay \\$580k to settle allegations of submitting false claims to Medicare](#)
- [MRHC second-longest tenured employee retires after 43 years](#)
- [Physician: Oklahoma's rural hospitals need every lifeline](#)
- [OCH posts \\$5.1M loss in 10 months](#)

- 5 Questions with William Paiva of OSU's Center for Health Systems Innovation

TEXAS

- Texas Health Aetna adds to executive leadership team
- Too much water outside, not enough inside for Texas hospitals
- Fidelity National expands medical tech holdings with T-System purchase
- Medical City Fort Worth Names New CNO
- Tenet Healthcare CEO Fetter steps down; company girds against takeover
- Analysis: HCA, Tenet see uncompensated care costs rise this year
- Dallas lab accused of \$100M kickback scheme files lawsuit to maintain federal license
- Ardent Health Services to buy ETMC, will become part of UT medical system
- How Memorial Hermann Health System, Virginia Mason Health System built cultures of safety
- Westover Hills hospital gets new president with San Antonio ties
- Christus Santa Rosa Westover Hills Hospital taps new president: 3 notes

NORTHWEST

(Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington)

ALASKA

- Nearly three dozen show up to testify on MSRMC certificate of need
- Alaska DHSS facing potential breach after two Trojan malware attacks

IDAHO

- More trouble for Nampa treatment center: Lawsuit filed in death of former resident

MONTANA

- New Kalispell pediatric center to provide much needed service
- Nurses agree to new contract with St. Peter's Hospital

OREGON

- More leadership changes at Oregon Health Authority
- OHA finds 23K no longer qualified for Medicaid as it works through backlog
- Allen announces key Oregon Health Authority appointments and dismissals

WASHINGTON

- Legal firm has questions about adequacy of charity care at Yakima Regional hospital

- CHI Franciscan padded 'bottom line at the expense of its patients,' attorney general says
- Washington attorney general sues hospital over charity care
- Regional Health finalizes deal to buy Toppenish hospital
- NEW CEO named for Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center
- How Memorial Hermann Health System, Virginia Mason Health System built cultures of safety
- Toppenish Community Hospital hires Eric Jensen as CEO: 4 things to know

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- SF nurses, patients' families protest pending closure of hospital unit
- California hospital fined \$40k after physician left patient mid-hysterectomy: 5 things to know
- Genesis HealthCare to lay off 72 with voluntary closure of nursing home
- Three San Diego hospitals fined for patient harm incidents
- CHI Mercy finalizing merger with Dignity Health
- Providence St. Joseph Health Consolidates 14 Hospitals in SoCal
- Canopy Health adds first major health plan in Bay Area network expansion
- Napa's Collabria Care chooses new medical director
- Dialysis bills in California Legislature head to floor for votes
- CMS: Poor board governance hurt quality at Sonoma West Medical Center
- MemorialCare Health System selects new COOs for 2 hospitals

COLORADO

- St. Mary's investment keeps profits at home
- Yampa Valley Medical Center, UCHealth invite public to celebrate partnership
- UCHealth adds Steamboat Springs hospital to its network
- 7 orthopedic practices merge to form Orthopedic Centers of Colorado
- Medicaid Payment Problems Continue For Colorado Doctors
- Mary's breaks ground for \$48.5 million dollar center
- SRM CEO shares hospital's efforts to improve patient satisfaction
- Colorado officials approval new hospital; ASC plans coming down pipeline
- UCHealth opens 51-bed hospital in Longmont
- CHI Mercy finalizing merger with Dignity Health

- Colorado medical-device maker merges into Pennsylvania company

HAWAII

- New director for long-term care appointed to Kula, Lanai hospitals
- Hawaii air ambulance company to buy only competition
- Hospital unveils new pharmacy
- AC problems affect surgeries at Wahiawa General Hospital
- Hawaii hospital piggybacks on state's nuclear disaster drill

NEVADA

- Physician Assistant charged in connection with patient's death
- PhRMA, BIO push back against Nevada pricing law
- Clinic creates new position

UTAH

- Health providers to receive \$10M to help unpaid claims
- Utah hospital to update policy after nurse arrest
- Steal this idea: How Intermountain CEO Dr. A. Marc Harrison learns 22 hospitals' pain points by 10:15 A.M. every day at no cost