

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - OCTOBER 6, 2017

NATIONAL

- Which ASC company has grown the most in 2017?
- Five questions on healthcare following Price's resignation
- Pence protégé seen as frontrunner to replace Price
- Congress moves toward funding lapsed federal children's health insurance program
- 3 things to know about HHS Acting Secretary Dr. Don Wright
- 18 things to know about the 6 CEOs leading ASC management companies
- Hospital Impact—6 ways physician assistants contribute to hospital emergency departments
- 7 hospitals with strong finances
- CIO shares keys to a successful telehealth program
- HHS withdraws 3 proposed rules: 6 things to know
- Hospital CIOs, executives share pain points in technology cost management: 4 takeaways
- Study finds ACOs still focused on early stages of care redesign
- Specialists could see 16% variability in payments under MIPS in 2018
- American Hospital Association calls on CMS to address 'flaws and inaccuracies' in OIG audits

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Q&A: What Does Hartford HealthCare-Anthem Dispute Mean For Patients?
- Quest Diagnostics acquires Conn. hospitals' lab services
- More CT hospitals end 2016 in the black but fiscal picture mixed
- Hospital lawsuit no longer an obstacle to new CT budget deal

MAINE

- Maine Medical Center expansion in Portland gets 2 approvals
- Ricker Hamilton nominated for health and human services commissioner
- MaineMed gets state approval for \$512M expansion

MASSACHUSETTS

- Steward Health Care becomes private hospital operator of 36 hospitals following lais acquisition

- Steward closes deal to acquire 18 hospitals in six states
- Mark Fulco Takes the Reins at Mercy Medical Center
- UMass Memorial unleashes \$650M electronic system
- Quest Diagnostics acquires Conn. hospitals' lab services
- South Shore Hospital Celebrates Opening Of New Critical Care Unit
- Tufts Medical Center nurses back at negotiating table
- Lahey Health is laying off about 75 employees

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Emergency care in the 21st century
- New Hampshire's unhealthy confusion

NEW YORK

- Hospitals in the ER: Resuscitating NY's public health system
- Brooks Memorial selects site near Fredonia for \$67 million hospital
- Audit: New York slow to investigate nursing complaints
- William A. Brown Is Appointed Chief Executive Officer at NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island
- New York hospital cuts 2 management, 4 nonclinical staff positions
- 4 questions with Mount Sinai Health System CIO Kumar Chatani
- Hospital to be first on Long Island to perform heart transplants
- How is the doctor shortage hurting WNY?
- Layoffs hit Outcome Health in Chicago, N.Y.C. after major jobs announcement
- Lifetime Health closure affects 200 workers, thousands of patients
- Virtual medicine comes of age

VERMONT

- UVM Medical Center Plans to Expand Air Ambulance Service

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- U.S. intervenes in Medicare billing lawsuit against Delaware MRI practice
- Delaware selects health provider for Medicaid enrollees

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Despite financial woes, United Medical Center will not need taxpayer subsidy
- DC nurses call for resignation or ousting of United Medical Center top leaders

- Nurses union votes 'no confidence' in United Medical Center leadership
- RegenxBio declines to push forward on planned acquisition

MARYLAND

- Atlantic General to nix nurses stations as you know them
- Maryland trauma centers prepared for mass casualties
- TEDCO awards stem cell funding, \$7 million more up for grabs

NEW JERSEY

- New Jersey's largest public hospital gets new name
- South Jersey hospital is on life support, lawmakers say, seeing rescue in disputed trust fund
- Kennedy Health now Jefferson under hospital merger
- Health care tech company launches \$40M credit facility

PENNSYLVANIA

- 5 Philadelphia region hospitals begin new era under Tower Health
- Quorum Health sells 2 Pennsylvania hospitals
- Hershey Medical Center cited for care delays that contributed to 2 patient deaths
- UPMC Susquehanna merge with two rural hospitals
- Clarion Hospital CEO Byron Quinton to retire next month: 5 notes
- UPMC Health Plan makes its first big splash in Central Pennsylvania
- Two appointed interim CEOs at Fulton County Hospital
- Tower Health's recently acquired CHS hospitals saw \$17M operating loss in FY 2017

VIRGINIA

- Anthem executive named president of Optima Health
- Hospital merger decision delayed 30 days in Virginia
- New Anthem policy will steer patients to less expensive free-standing imaging centers
- Virginia hospital closes

WEST VIRGINIA

- Stonewall Jackson Memorial officially joins Mon Health

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Mercy breaks ground on \$9.78 million behavioral health center in Mason City
- Methodist, Blank Children's trauma centers attain verification

KANSAS

- Health care malpractice rates to fall slightly in Kansas
- St. Francis sale nearing completion; buyers announce new name for hospital
- KU Health System picks date to finalize Topeka hospital deal

MINNESOTA

- Japan's Murata will buy Twin Cities health-tech company for \$102M
- After subsidy, Minnesota health exchange insurance rates largely stable or dropping for 2018

MISSOURI

- Boone Hospital to lay off 50 workers
- Springfield hospital removed from 'jeopardy' status
- Landon Named CNO For Mercy Washington
- Dwyer named CEO of The Rehabilitation Institute

NEBRASKA

- New physicians joining Children's Hospital team said to be 'game-changers'
- Medica, CHI Health will offer second Affordable Care Act-approved insurance plan for Nebraskans

NORTH DAKOTA

- Medica to leave ND health insurance exchange in 2018

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Outcome Health lays off employees after new jobs announcement
- Three Chicago medical centers join national network for emergency medicine clinical trials
- Edward-Elmhurst Health cutting 234 jobs
- LCMH signs letter of intent with Rush system
- 3 Chicago Hospitals Team Up to Study Emergency Care
- SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital president to retire

INDIANA

- Lutheran Hospital Names CEO
- Nurse, doctor shortage worries health care providers
- Hospital system leases north-side building
- Another insulin biotech pops up in Indy with plans for new lab
- Lilly Makes Leadership Changes

- [Cloud Tech Company Growing in Indy](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Kindred Healthcare sells nursing facilities for \\$700 million](#)
- [St. Joseph Hospital bribery, kickback trial set; 1 key employee pleaded guilty](#)
- [Kindred SNF Sell-Off Continues with \\$108M, 12-Property Deal](#)
- [Is independence a viable option for physicians today?](#)
- [Accountant sentenced for defrauding Signature Healthcare, Kentucky Department of Revenue](#)
- [This area hospital is revamping its emergency room](#)
- [Kindred sells another chunk of its skilled-nursing facility business](#)
- [How U of L will use one of its biggest grants ever for medical research](#)

MICHIGAN

- [Metro Health medical office facility sells for \\$35 million in national deal](#)
- [WBRMC to affiliate with MidMichigan Health](#)
- [Why Spectrum Health is teaching doctors about nutrition, cooking](#)
- [DMC signs performance-based contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan](#)
- [Health Alliance Plan names new vice president](#)
- [UPHS-Marquette nurses begin 2-day strike](#)

OHIO

- [Cleveland Clinic, Humana launch co-branded Medicare Advantage plans](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic to enter the Medicare insurance market](#)
- [Ohio Hospital Association trying to reduce sepsis deaths by 30 percent by 2018](#)
- [ERChhealth, Paladina Health announce alliance](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic demands CEO be removed from Yes on Issue 2 ads](#)
- [Century Health appoints chief executive officer](#)
- [Baxter named president, CEO for Mercy Health-Toledo, Lima Regions](#)
- [Summa Health receives \\$5 million gift for Breast Health Center](#)

WISCONSIN

- [Marshfield Clinic Cancer Center now seeing patients](#)
- [Health care innovation continues despite stalemate in Washington](#)
- [Wisconsin Hospitals Recognized for Excellence in Surgical Care](#)
- [Wisconsin health insurance CEOs expect double-digit premium increases in 2018](#)
- [Groundbreaking for ProHealth Care heart and vascular center](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [New hospital unveiled in Randolph County](#)
- [Brookwood Baptist surgeon receives coveted heart surgery fellowship](#)
- [Southern Research partners with international biotech firm](#)

FLORIDA

- [Baptist Health, Bethesda Health merger finalized](#)
- [Florida regulator moves to close ALF affiliated with rehab center that lost 12 residents after Irma](#)
- [Mednax acquires South Florida urology practice](#)
- [U.S. Supreme Court turns down Florida medical records case](#)
- [Hospital task force weighs competing proposals](#)
- [Florida Hospital buys 100 acres in Polk to connect Tampa and Orlando hospitals](#)
- [Broward Health Coral Springs names new CFO, VP of managed care](#)
- [Inside a hospital without patients: See UM's new simulation hospital](#)
- [Scott Wants Nursing Home Rules In Constitution](#)
- [Layoffs posted for 72 at Miami Jewish Health Systems](#)

GEORGIA

- [U.S. brings new charges over Tenet Healthcare fraud scheme](#)
- [LifePoint divests Georgia hospital to Piedmont Healthcare](#)
- [Hospital names three finalists for CEO](#)
- [Construction underway for emergency department at Northside Medical Center](#)
- [Northside Hospital to testify, face questions from Congress on its use of drug discounts](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Why are so many pediatricians leaving UMMC?](#)
- [26 pediatricians, specialists leave Mississippi hospital in 1 year](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Presbyterian finalizes partnership in North Carolina](#)
- [Rural Hospitals in Financial Distress](#)
- [Sentara to close its Kitty Hawk medical center in December](#)
- [At UNC Health Care, A Continued Commitment to Value](#)
- [Barbara Suddreth announces retirement from Iredell Memorial](#)

- New Bern Cancer Care joins with CarolinaEast to form Hematology and Oncology Associates
- Mission-Blue Cross NC contract ends with no replacement
- Inside Novant's \$67M orthopedic hospital in midtown Charlotte
- Premier signs systemwide agreement with Vidant Health
- PPD hires former FDA exec

SOUTH CAROLINA

- MUSC named one of the first national telehealth centers of excellence with HRSA grant
- Business Journal names Health Care Hero honorees for 2017
- BlueCross BlueShield expanding state Medicare coverage

TENNESSEE

- Tennessee hospital closes after falling 94% short of GoFundMe goal
- Southern Tennessee Regional Health System unveiling new approach to healthcare
- Steward Health Care becomes private hospital operator of 36 hospitals following Iasis acquisition
- Copper Basin Medical Center to stop seeing patients October 1st
- Erlanger And Children's Hospital Council Appoints 7 New Members
- Lucent Health Forms Partnership with Narus Health
- LifePoint divests Georgia hospital to Piedmont Healthcare
- Tennova: Still planning to build new flagship hospital on Middlebrook Pike
- See which Tennessee hospitals have the biggest payrolls
- After very good years, Methodist braces against political uncertainty

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- ACH to open soon in Springdale
- Trisha Montague: New Hospital, ER All Part of Children's Northwest Package
- Medical Center of South Arkansas CEO resigns: 5 things to know

ARIZONA

- Humana, Iora Health open two more practices
- GOP lawmakers take hospital assessment for AHCCCS to Arizona Supreme Court

LOUISIANA

- Louisiana health system to cut 232 jobs
- Baton Rouge-based Amedisys may face \$38.8 million loss in Medicare dispute

- Louisiana hospital manager balks at breach-of-contract claim

NEW MEXICO

- Presbyterian finalizes partnership in North Carolina
- New Mexico health clinics fret over federal funding delays

OKLAHOMA

- SoonerCare reimbursement could be slashed 9 percent
- Oklahoma health officials warn of dire budget consequences

TEXAS

- El Paso Children's Hospital gets new CEO
- U.S. brings new charges over Tenet Healthcare fraud scheme
- Baylor Scott & White-Grapevine Scores Level II Trauma Designation
- Hospital gets new operator, renamed
- Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas appoints new president, chief nursing officer
- New \$17 million rehab hospital coming to Round Rock
- Texas hospitals feeling the long-term financial strains of Harvey
- Texas Health and Human Services Losing Executive Staff
- Freestanding emergency departments target high-income areas, report says
- The Texas Hospital Association's Bold Data Analytics Thrust
- Four Houston-area hospitals reach \$8.6M settlement over ambulance-swapping allegations
- UT Southwestern Expands Hospital to Meet Growing Patient Need
- Honeycutt named CEO of Ennis Regional Medical Center
- Biotech co. provides \$30M to start new biopharmaceutical firm with M.D. Anderson
- Northwest Texas Healthcare to cut 23 jobs

NORTHWEST

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

IDAHO

- Joan Agee is the chief nursing officer at St. Luke's new Nampa hospital
- Bingham Memorial adds heart and kidney care center in Idaho Falls

MONTANA

- Montana health system partners with USPI on ASC: 5 key points
- Bozeman Health opening new clinic on Bozeman's west end

OREGON

- Health care advocates urge approval of tax referendum
- Targeting a January vote, Oregon health tax opponents turn in 84K signatures
- Endeavour ends dispute with Zoom, agrees to invest \$24M

WASHINGTON

- Seattle Children's taps Dr. Zafar Chaudry as CIO: 4 things to know
- Hospital has ceremony for new hybrid operating
- Summit Rehabilitation to move its Spokane Valley clinic

WYOMING

- Mopping up: From hospital janitor to CEO, Smith recounts rise
- SW Wyoming input sought for state health assessment

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Tulare Healthcare Board Members hold emergency meeting, hospital near bankruptcy
- Renowned researcher taking top job at Gladstone Institutes
- Two new top execs replace Brenda Yee at Chinese Hospital
- San Francisco's Chinese Hospital is hemorrhaging money
- Cher sues billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong over alleged stock fraud
- Healdsburg District Hospital CEO to leave job

COLORADO

- 5th anniversary of Memorial Hospital and UCHealth: Future looks bright
- Memorial has seen record growth since agreement with UCHealth
- Medicaid payment processing issues piling up at Aspen Valley Hospital
- Colorado hospital sees 5 times more unpaid claims following state Medicaid system implementation

HAWAII

- Hawaii's largest hospital receives Level I Trauma Center verification
- Hawaii Dental Association launches philanthropic foundation

NEVADA

- Las Vegas Faced a Massacre. Did It Have Enough Trauma Centers?
- UNLV School of Medicine welcomes first class

UTAH

- UHIN, Utah's Statewide HIE, Pushes the Envelope on Interoperability

- Five IASIS hospitals in Utah now owned by Boston medical network
- 'We're ready to move forward': University of Utah to pay \$68M to cancer institute under new agreement with Huntsman family
- Health Catalyst names CFO: 4 notes