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NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

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- [CT-backed med-tech investor faces fraud allegations](#)
- [New Database Reveals Patient Death, Violations in CT Hospitals](#)
- [HHC's Bone & Joint Institute partners with Bloomfield health analytics firm](#)
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MAINE

- [Hospitals at center stage of Medicaid expansion debate](#)
- [Maine becomes first state to approve Medicaid expansion by popular vote](#)
- [After Maine Voters Approve Medicaid Expansion, Governor Raises Objections](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

- [Insurer CEOs seek price caps for top Massachusetts hospitals: 5 things to know](#)

- Mass. Senate bill aims to rein in health costs, study single-payer
- Haemonetics announces plans to cut 350 jobs
- CVS plans to launch same-day delivery in Boston

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Elliot, Southern NH eye regional system

NEW YORK

- New 8-office pediatric 'supergroup' looks to build on WNY health care
- New day dawns for SJMH
- Why a New York women and children's hospital is dropping 'women' from its name
- Bassett CEO: Quitting post was part of restructuring
- Hornell breaks ground on St. James Mercy Hospital
- Staten Island doctor gets prison in N.J. lab bribe scheme
- Saratoga Hospital Plans for Spring Project at ROC
- Athenex expects to break ground on large pharma factory in Dunkirk in the first quarter of 2018
- Brooks Memorial to close dialysis unit, transition patients to new DaVita clinic
- Northwell Health's new CFO talks financial goals, challenges

RHODE ISLAND

- Memorial Hospital seeks RI health dept. approval to close emergency department

VERMONT

- Regulators hear arguments for new medical records system
- Regulators ensure OneCare Vermont avoids antitrust problems

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Update: Hospitals weigh in on Delaware's low ranking in Leapfrog safety survey
- Sinnott named CEO of Saint Francis Hospital

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Report: D.C. area hospitals are failing the public
- D.C. lawmakers cut short contract for operator of District's only public hospital
- Former Providence Hospital executive gets jail sentence for stealing \$390K from medical association
- United Medical Center to cut ties with hospital operator Veritas
- D.C. lawmakers, health officials weigh path forward at UMC with new operator

MARYLAND

- UMMC breaks ground on \$116M hospital for chronic illness
- Maryland hospital quotes Shakespeare in defense of physician who used fake identity
- A new urgent care facility is opening at the Rotunda

NEW JERSEY

- Lourdes Health System's loss widened in fiscal 2017
- St. Peter's hospital to cut staff

PENNSYLVANIA

- Tower Health paid \$418 million for five community hospitals in S.E. Pennsylvania
- Report: Regional rehab, long-term and psych facilities running low margins
- UPMC will invest \$2B to build 3 specialty hospitals
- Chester County Hospital moves to dismiss EMTALA claims
- Pa. delays major long-term care shift in Philadelphia area
- Genesis Healthcare takes \$532 million write-down, warns of possible bankruptcy
- Lourdes Health System's loss widened in fiscal 2017
- Jeanes Hospital Nurses Approve Three-year Deal
- MedRespond expanding to Cleveland

VIRGINIA

- Appalachian health systems get states OK on merger plan
- Bowling Green medical practice joins Mary Washington Healthcare
- MSHA, Wellmont health systems outline transition to merger

WEST VIRGINIA

- West Virginia cities sue Joint Commission over pain management recommendations
- West Virginia municipalities file suit against Joint Commission for its part in opioid crisis

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Iowa hospitals' community benefit tops \$855 million in 2016
- Broadlawns opens new 14-unit inpatient mental health unit

KANSAS

- Kansas Health, Ardent Finalize Purchase of St. Francis Health
- Sridevi Donepudi, M.D., MMM, FAAFP, Joins Stormont Vail Health as Chief Medical Quality Officer

- Health care tops state's highest-paying occupations
- New name, additional provider for local clinic

MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic names new CFO
- Minnesota hospital won't take patients committed by a court
- Nurses' union hits Duluth health care system over requiring flu shots
- Mayo Clinic starts to roll out second phase of Epic implementation
- Glencoe Regional Health Services CEO to retire next year: 4 points

MISSOURI

- SSM Health adds first female orthopedic surgeon
- St. Elizabeth's Hospital Makes the Move to O'Fallon
- Saint Luke's combines philanthropy, strategy with new exec
- Tiger Institute joins Sequoia Project, linking EHRs with SSM Health
- SSM Health trims workforce by 1 percent
- Micro-Hospital Proposed for Vacant Lot in Downtown West St. Louis
- Missouri is the only state with no prescription monitoring program. What's the holdup?
- Washington University receives \$10 million gift for personalized medicine research
- How one Missouri hospital treats patients with 0 beds

NEBRASKA

- Children's Hospital buys adjoining land in Omaha
- State Sen. Morfeld plans to introduce ballot measure that would let Nebraska voters decide on Medicaid expansion

NORTH DAKOTA

- Trinity Health secures final financing for new hospital in Minot
- Altru Health System announces \$250M expansion

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Reservation hospital again on 'immediate jeopardy' status
- President of Spearfish Hospital dies
- Sanford Health invests in German hospital
- South Dakota hospital to lose Medicare contract: 4 things to know

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Joint venture expands urgent care operations for OSF HealthCare in Rockford area
- Drug Advertisers Suspend Deals With Outcome Health
- Outcome Health losing major advertisers following allegations of misleading clients
- Chicago hospital sues Leapfrog for defamation
- Loretto Hospital CEO is out after five years
- Investors sue Outcome Health, alleging investment fraud
- Outcome Health investors receive DOJ subpoenas as Chicago-area hospitals back away
- Oak Street Health CEO Mike Pykosz: Redesigning healthcare is 'harder than rocket science'

INDIANA

- Holcomb: Repeal medical device excise tax
- McLaren Health Care to acquire Indiana insurer MDwise
- Winenger Named New COO For IU Health Southern Indiana Physicians
- Lutheran Health suing ex-CEO for defamation scheme
- Health care labor shortages continue to grow in state, Region
- Lot of cheers for Lutheran CEO pick
- Anthem becomes second-largest company with woman as CEO
- More than 2,300 Lilly workers volunteer for buyouts
- IU Health continues perfecting integrated service center
- Franciscan Health Acquires Vacant Hospital
- Matthew Burden named new president/CEO of Porter-Starke Services
- Is it an emergency? Anthem makes patients question ER visits
- Trump expected to name ex-Lilly exec to lead Health & Human Services
- Cook Medical wins first trial over blood-clot filters

KENTUCKY

- Why Kindred Healthcare will spend \$10K on RN signing bonuses
- Kentucky health system to shut down insurance arm, lay off 34 employees
- KentuckyOne Health names new CEO
- Local hospitals working to retain and recruit nurses
- Kindred Healthcare Reports Third Quarter 2017 Results
- Murray-Calloway County Hospital Names New COO
- 2 Kentucky hospitals sign acquisition agreement
- Baptist Health begins process of acquiring Hardin Memorial Health

- [Kindred Healthcare stock surges on better-than-expected earnings](#)
- [Feds Will Allow Medicaid Work Requirements. Here's What It Means For Kentucky](#)
- [Humana cutting 2,700 jobs amid uncertainty in health care](#)
- [Apellis Pharmaceuticals prices \\$150 million IPO](#)
- [ResCare taps former Kindred exec as its new CFO](#)
- [Humana to sell long-term care insurance business](#)
- [Kindred stocks up 40% as net loss shrinks to \\$95.8M](#)

MICHIGAN

- [Huron Valley-Sinai nurses sue hospital executives amid concerns of patient safety](#)
- [McLaren Health Care to acquire Indiana insurer MDwise](#)
- [Michigan nurses union sues Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital over alleged staffing, patient safety issues](#)
- [Why CMS should get in on payer, hospital quality partnerships to cut costs](#)
- [Another doctor accused in \\$130-million-plus Medicare fraud scheme](#)
- [Michigan's Kettering University suing Kettering Health University](#)
- [Michigan nurses, nonprofit team up to clear \\$1 million medical debt for 500 families](#)

OHIO

- [Southwest General Health Center CEO shares hospital stats, future healthcare outlook](#)
- [MetroHealth, Clinic score in ACO payouts](#)
- [Cardinal Health Reports First-quarter Results for Fiscal Year 2018](#)
- [More cancer care is coming to Greater Cincinnati. Here's how and why.](#)
- [New Edwin Shaw rehab hospital opens Tuesday in Bath](#)
- [After a divisive and expensive campaign, Issue 2 fails at the polls](#)
- [Ohio rejects drug price issue after costly fight](#)
- [Michigan's Kettering University suing Kettering Health University](#)
- [Doctor launches cash-based practice to serve patients in central Ohio](#)
- [Cardinal Health departing CEO George Barrett: 'I feel very good about the work that I've done here'](#)
- [Select Medical, Cleveland Clinic Edwin Shaw rehabilitation hospital opens doors to patients](#)
- [Circleville voters clear path for Berger Hospital to work with OhioHealth](#)
- [MedRespond expanding to Cleveland](#)
- [CareSource, Cleveland Clinic ink deal](#)
- [Dayton's largest hospital network to sell insurance business](#)
- [Cardinal Health shareholders grill CEO George Barrett on opioids](#)

- [Circleville voters grant Berger Hospital freedom to start talks with OhioHealth](#)
- [Les Wexner continues as chairman of OSU Wexner Medical Center board](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic consolidating care in new \\$20-million children's center](#)
- [DOJ abandons false claims case against nursing home chain](#)

WISCONSIN

- [Inside Wisconsin: Measuring quality: Why health care can attract business, workers](#)
- [UW Health and former employee sued over unauthorized medical record access](#)
- [Opening of Froedtert health clinic is latest piece of the Milwaukee Bucks development complex](#)
- [Report: Wisconsin has lost \\$11M for repealing False Claims Act](#)
- [Report: Milwaukee has most expensive hospitals among U.S. metros](#)
- [Froedtert & the Medical College preview downtown Milwaukee clinic: Slideshow](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Quorum sells 72-bed Alabama hospital](#)
- [St. Vincent's opens new in-house center](#)
- [Aurora Diagnostics acquires surgery center in Alabama](#)

FLORIDA

- [Health care giant plans 75-bed facility](#)
- [Nemours, Orlando Health aiming for pediatric heart transplant programs](#)
- [New UF hospitals focus on advanced medicine](#)
- [NEW: Jupiter Medical Center's new CEO is Long Island native](#)
- [Adventist Health System appoints new administrators at 2 Florida hospitals: 5 notes](#)
- [Halifax Health moves forward with \\$105 million Deltona hospital](#)
- [Aurora Diagnostics acquires surgery center in Alabama](#)
- [Public health care company to layoff 182, close two South Florida offices](#)
- [Exclusive: See which Florida doctors received the most in non-research payments from drug and device companies](#)
- [New Port Richey pharmacy owner pleads guilty in massive fraud scheme](#)

GEORGIA

- [Court declares Northside Hospital's operations can't be kept secret](#)
- [Navicent Health Baldwin taps Darren Pearce as CEO: 3 notes](#)
- [McKenna to step down at St. Mary's CEO, accepts job in Florida](#)

- [Memorial Health selects Shayne George as CEO: 5 things to know](#)
- [Grady Memorial Hospital files \\$3.6 million renovation plans](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Mississippi hospital's new policy aims to reduce nonurgent ER visits](#)
- [Rural hospital in north Mississippi sold to new owner](#)
- [Baptist Memorial to hold ribbon cutting for new hospital on Wednesday](#)
- [6 things to know about the vote to sell Oktibbeha County hospital](#)
- [Voters Reject Selling Hospital Owned by Oktibbeha County](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Bank files objection to sale of bankrupt hospital's assets](#)
- [Rock Hill's Piedmont Medical Center has a new CEO](#)
- [Some argue that selling Morehead Memorial to the highest bidder may not be best](#)
- [CIO Of Rent-A-Center To Join Novant Health As Chief Digital Officer](#)
- [Morehead Hospital bankruptcy hearing delayed](#)
- [Morehead Hospital bankruptcy hearing to continue Monday](#)
- [N.C. attorney general files objection to Morehead Memorial sale](#)
- [Will these state hires ease North Carolina's hospital ER bottleneck?](#)
- [Mission identifies potential site for Angel Medical Center replacement](#)
- [Whistleblower lawsuit claims Epic caused hundreds of hospitals to double-bill anesthesia services](#)
- [Hospital CEO search narrows candidates](#)
- [Novant Health expands reach with air transport](#)
- [Mission tightlipped about negotiations with BCBS](#)
- [WakeMed seeking approval for \\$60M expansion in Cary](#)
- [Harris opens new emergency department](#)
- [New Franklin hospital could move out to U.S. 441](#)
- [Vidant Edgecombe Hospital breaks ground for new cancer center](#)
- [Your Health: Construction of new cancer center underway at CarolinaEast Medical Center](#)
- [UNC settles anti-trust lawsuit, Duke suit pending](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [New hospital CEO hired; RMC board picks Texas executive](#)
- [South Carolina hospital lays off nearly 100 employees](#)
- [3 Lowcountry hospitals earn top safety grade](#)

- Regional Medical Center taps former Tenet VP to serve as CEO: 5 points

TENNESSEE

- Quorum sells 72-bed Alabama hospital
- Lutheran Health suing ex-CEO for defamation scheme
- Appalachian health systems get states OK on merger plan
- ER doctor-owned urgent care clinic to open in West Nashville
- Healthcare Industry Veteran Tapped as Corizon Health CEO
- CHS to sell additional hospitals worth \$2B in revenue
- Quorum Health sees net loss widen to \$29.2M, plans to sell more hospitals

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- State Still Awaiting Federal Approval on Medicaid Expansion Changes
- Sparks Health System, UnitedHealthcare Renew Network Relationship

ARIZONA

- Tucson woman wins \$12 million jury verdict against Banner-UMC in malpractice case
- FastMed Urgent Care Appoints New CEO

LOUISIANA

- More proposals for Charity Hospital expected next week
- Lafayette General Southwest becoming orthopedic, long-term care facility
- Safety-net hospital deals done, except in north Louisiana
- New Orleans Children's Hospital on track for \$300M expansion, with new CEO at the helm
- Judges hear dispute over Louisiana charity hospital closure
- Attorney general, business leaders weigh in on N. La. hospital wars
- Work begins on \$20M Ochsner cancer center expansion
- Baton Rouge occupational medicine provider expanding internationally

NEW MEXICO

- New Mexico hospital stops requiring uninsured to pay 50% up front for surgery
- Walgreens, DaVita drop Molina Healthcare

OKLAHOMA

- AG asks for investigative audit of Oklahoma Health Department
- Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City receives "A" grade for keeping patients safe

- Oklahoma health department requests emergency \$30 million from state legislature
- Federal judge dismisses Tulsa man's kickback lawsuit against EMSA
- Oklahoma Health Department salary payouts increased despite budget decline

TEXAS

- Lunch With D CEO: Dr. John Carlo
- Restructuring Tenet Healthcare Names 10 Group CEOs
- Tenet Healthcare reports a quarterly loss that's 45 times higher than last year
- North Texas developer to build new \$25M medical center in Garland
- Southwestern Medical Foundation leaders reflect on 75 years in Dallas
- Tenet's net loss balloons to \$367M as investor agitation builds
- New hospital CEO hired; RMC board picks Texas executive
- Baylor Scott & White Health Names Four To Senior Leadership Positions
- Federal judge dismisses Tulsa man's kickback lawsuit against EMSA
- Texas Company Raises \$10M to Expand On-Demand Healthcare Service
- Menninger Clinic names interim CEO after previous leader's resignation
- Texas A&M wants in on next phase of Houston's Texas Medical Center; Will UT follow suit?
- From 'parking lot central' to architectural oasis: Behind the design of Austin's Dell Medical School
- Texas hospital closes following extensive hurricane damage
- Tenet selects 2 new independent directors: 6 notes

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Fairbanks hospital group to purchase Sportsmedicine Fairbanks

IDAHO

- St. Luke's opens \$114M hospital in Idaho

MONTANA

- Report grades 8 Montana hospitals with A's to C's
- Montana Lawmakers Block Medicaid Provider Rate Cuts

OREGON

- Report: Oregon hospitals make progress on curbing infections
- Knute Buehler calls for special counsel to investigate Medicaid overpayments
- Legacy Health reaches contract agreement with workers, averts strike

- Third of 3 Central City Concern health-targeted building breaks ground in Portland
- Kuni Foundation grants \$7.5M to OHSU for lung and prostate cancer research

WASHINGTON

- Inspire Physical Therapy opens in Coeur d'Alene
- Health care CEOs raise the specter of Amazon

WYOMING

- Wyoming Medical Center charity costs decline

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Hospital's new CEO says patient care is top priority
- San Diego's next tourism craze: medicine
- Local Dignity Health executive will lead hospital group
- California hospital lays off employees in cost-cutting measure
- 93-year-old California hospital to close over inability to meet new seismic standards
- Former Molina Healthcare CEO wants control of clinics
- Marshall Medical invests \$20 million in new electronic medical records system

COLORADO

- 5 things to know about Swedish Medical Center renovations
- DaVita looks at divesting managed-care businesses after another poor quarter
- CHI sees operating loss narrow to \$77.9M, says merger with Dignity still in the works

HAWAII

- Maui hospital ends charges for private postpartum rooms
- Nonemergencies put strain on hospital ER

NEVADA

- Reaching out: Renown CEO wants to break big-box mold for health-care delivery
- Braman is new hospital CEO
- In Las Vegas, 911 Callers Have a Choice: Ambulance or Lyft?
- Health fund barred from suit over Nevada drug price law

UTAH

- Utah Valley Hospital CEO will oversee all of Intermountain Healthcare hospitals
- Despite regular, agreed-upon payments, Utah Hospital plans to seize patient's tax refund

- Intermountain Healthcare selects associate COO for specialty care group: 6 takeaways