

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - FEBRUARY 9, 2018

### NATIONAL

- Medical bills rise after hospitals acquire physician practices, studies suggest
- Dialysis provider Fresenius hit with \$3.5 million HIPAA fine
- DOJ Memo Brings Promising News for Providers Facing Government Action
- Medicare pay cut dropped from spending bill passed by House
- Former CMS Administrator Andy Slavitt to create 'United States of Care'
- Coalition of 44 groups calls for passage of drug pricing bill
- Changes to telehealth reimbursement, Meaningful Use included in House short-term funding proposal
- 'Religious freedom' rule to cost healthcare system \$312M, says HHS
- What drove hospitals' rapid expansion of palliative care
- About 16% of Nonprofit Hospital Orgs Face New Excise Tax on Exec Pay
- Daily on Healthcare: CMS says it's reviewing state Medicaid lifetime limit proposals
- House funding bill includes bipartisan Medicare reforms
- Will Amazon Disrupt Health Care?
- What the Amazon, JPMorgan, Berkshire partnership means for healthcare: 35 executives respond
- New Bundled Payment Models Could Shove Out SNFs
- House passes budget deal that boosts healthcare programs, extends CHIP
- Physician recruitment and retention: How 2 rural hospitals are overcoming the challenge
- CMS launches initiative to reduce Medicare appeals backlog
- 9 statistics on executive pay based on size, type of hospital
- HHS OCR: 10 steps hospitals must take to avoid 'cyber extortion'

### NORTHEAST

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

### CONNECTICUT

- Malloy would cancel hospital tax cut, but again tighten Medicare program eligibility
- Hospital network partners with NY hospital chain
- Stamford company launches newborn screening test for 193 illnesses
- company announces \$4.1M project to slash Bristol Hospital energy, water use
- Gaylord gets \$75K state grant for patient lift systems

- After bioscience investment, CT Children's eyes innovation center
- Stamford Health posts \$20.7M operating loss in FY17; CFO to resign

## MAINE

- Southern Maine Health Care names new CEO
- Nursing enrollment up 11% at Maine's public universities
- MaineGeneral Medical Center to cut endocrinology services

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Partners Healthcare says data breach exposed patient information
- Massachusetts Nurses Association supports ballot question requiring nurse-to-patient ratios, raised \$1M in 2017
- Five Breaches in 2012 Lead to \$3.5 Million OCR Settlement
- HopeHealth lays off at least 18 Hyannis employees
- UMass Medical Center interim president takes over
- Former GE CEO Jeff Immelt becomes chairman of athenahealth
- Nursing home giant Genesis eyes approval for \$26M Dracut facility
- Berkshire Medical Center nurses set strike date

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Company Known For Surprise E.R. Bills Expands in N.H.'s Healthcare Market
- Frisbie Hospital president/CEO retiring
- York Hospital Care Center opens in Sanford

## NEW YORK

- Massena Memorial Hospital reports on patient satisfaction
- Brooklyn Hospital Signs Lease For New Fulton St Location: Reports
- Mount Sinai 'leaning toward' adding extra floors on new E.V. mini-hospital
- New York hospital weighing applying for grant to modernize ASC, other facilities
- Publicis Health names Alexandra von Plato as CEO
- Oscar reports 32% rise in members' telehealth use
- LI doctor sentenced in \$7M fraud scheme
- Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center chief Nathan Howell to depart in May
- Hospital network partners with NY hospital chain
- New York hospital CEO still collecting \$600k salary 1 year after resignation
- Northwell rolls out one-of-a-kind flu tracker for Long Island, NYC

## RHODE ISLAND

- [Care New England CEO: Why we chose to partner with Partners HealthCare](#)
- [University Medicine changes name to Brown Medicine](#)
- [DOH: Lines at The Miriam Hospital caused by Memorial closure, viruses including flu](#)
- [Southern New England Rehabilitation Center reaccredited for 3 years](#)

## VERMONT

- [Marathon Health named 'Most Admired' in Vermont by MSN Money](#)
- [Hospital revenue could be tapped for universal primary care](#)

## MID-ATLANTIC/EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- [Prosecutors Secure \\$16.2M Judgment in Case Alleging False MRI Claims](#)
- [Groundbreaking slated for new rehab hospital in Dover](#)

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- [Prince George's hospital launches search for new CEO](#)
- [United Medical Center board approves \\$5M contract with new turnaround firm](#)

## MARYLAND

- [Patient dumping a symptom of health system woes](#)
- [Judge orders Maryland physicians' board to pay part of anti-vaccine physician's \\$2.5M award](#)
- [Havre de Grace council passes hospital zoning ordinance changes](#)
- [Pending hospital closure causes concern for residents of Takoma Park](#)
- [Johns Hopkins gets \\$50 million from UAE for global stroke center](#)

## NEW JERSEY

- [New Jersey Lawmakers Seek More Transparency In Medical Billing](#)
- [22k-sq-ft joint venture ASC opens in New Jersey](#)
- [Hackensack Meridian readies new patient app](#)
- [State nurses rail against bill requiring minimum nurse-to-patient ratios](#)
- [New Bridge Medical names new medical chief](#)
- ['Sacrifice a little profitability to do the right thing for the patient': Thoughts from Summit Medical Group CEO Dr. Jeffrey Le Benger](#)

## PENNSYLVANIA

- [RNs at First Hospital, Moses Taylor make strike threat](#)
- [Geisinger sells skilled nursing facility in Scranton](#)
- [Crozer-Keystone Health System names CFO](#)

- Jefferson Surgery Center opens in Cherry Hill
- Nurses and LVH-Pocono reach agreement
- Patients confused, frustrated as Geisinger drops Coordinated Health
- New leadership, member for WellSpan Health board
- UPMC, Highmark Health dissolve Pennsylvania cancer center joint venture
- Trinity Health files counterclaim in dispute with Cooper
- Geisinger CEO's plans include new cancer unit, rock star launch
- Updated with comment from Cooper: Lourdes owner files counterclaim against Cooper
- Lehigh Valley Health Network eliminates 70 management positions

## VIRGINIA

- University of Virginia utilizes agile framework to improve patient experience
- A Look Inside: Reston Hospital Center's \$72 Million Expansion is Underway

## WEST VIRGINIA

- Mon Health CEO's leadership questioned by physicians
- Mon Health CEO takes leave of absence following 20+ physicians' letter of 'no confidence'
- Duncan out as Mon Health CEO, according to press release
- Williamson hospital sale now on hold
- West Virginia hospital extends elective surgery suspension

## CENTRAL

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

## IOWA

- UnityPoint-Des Moines leader Crowell to retire in July after 17 years
- McIntyre hired as director of operations for Healing Passages
- Fort Madison Community Hospital names Jeremy Alexander permanent CEO

## KANSAS

- More Health Care Workers Want In On Kansas Telemedicine
- Olathe Health opens \$2.2M clinic
- New chief medical officer for El Dorado hospital
- HaysMed launches needs assessment
- Kansas nursing home operators, consumer advocates battle over regulatory oversight
- Kansas considers telehealth parity bill
- Holton hospital adds telemedicine, services in fight to stay relevant in rural Kansas

- Hospital chain tied to Colyer gets undisclosed deal to hop border to Overland Park

## MINNESOTA

- Minnesota effort has health care revamp lessons for Amazon and its partners
- Shriners Hospital-Twin Cities could eliminate inpatient care
- New Commissioner Jan Malcolm brings 'instant credibility' to Minnesota Health Department

## MISSOURI

- Merger Could Create Nation's Largest Health System
- Community health centers across Missouri brace for shortfall while waiting for federal money
- Former Mercy employee claims racial discrimination led to firing in lawsuit
- Telemedicine brings St. Louis NICU services to Marion, Illinois
- Exclusive: On day 1, new Cerner CEO says he was 'always inspired by Neal's vision'
- 'A complete shock': More than 40 employees laid off from Warrensburg hospital trying to cut costs
- Western Missouri Medical Center cuts 41 positions
- Here's what's new at St. Luke's East Hospital after a \$10 million expansion
- Children's Mercy notifying patients that former doctor accused of sexual misconduct
- Ascension Healthcare selects new VP of patient access, care delivery transformation

## NEBRASKA

- Hilton takes the helm as PCHS CEO
- New Superior hospital administrator on the job
- Reed Reyman leads CHI St. Alexius hospital, helps community
- Fremont Health moves forward on affiliation deal with Nebraska Methodist
- Nebraska nursing home, assisted living facility to close
- Nebraska Medicine multiple services in one visit

## MIDWEST

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

## ILLINOIS

- Anderson Hospital names new chairman for department of surgery
- Siteman Cancer Center is one step closer to Shiloh expansion
- At Northwestern Memorial, other hospitals, a new focus in ER to help the elderly
- St Elizabeth's Hospital will get doctor's group that's leaving Memorial
- Advocate making the shift to a single Epic records platform
- Telemedicine brings St. Louis NICU services to Marion, Illinois

- Busy Chicago ER decreasing wait times, increasing quality of care
- Chicago leading the way in heart health tech innovations
- PreparedHealth rolls out its Facebook-like health care app to Chicago

## INDIANA

- Indiana becomes second state with Medicaid work requirement
- Rival hospitals meeting quietly
- Largest orthopedic group in Northwest Indiana aligns with Franciscan Alliance
- IU health programs won't take tobacco-linked group's money
- Franciscan Health Crown Point designated Level 3 Trauma Center
- Bloomington Hospital Foundation announces name change
- Gift to Create Oncology Program at IU
- IU Health's South Central Region president steps down

## KENTUCKY

- Kindred Healthcare: Tax bill may force cuts to Medicare, Medicaid
- MD2U sells for \$4 million to another local company
- Bowling Green physician guilty of unlawful distribution, health care fraud
- Kentucky Gov. Bevin won't pick permanent health secretary soon, won't affect Medicaid waiver
- Kindred urges stockholders to approve proposed \$4.1B Humana merger
- OH's financial health improves
- Murray doctor pays \$2.79 million for false claims
- Kindred Healthcare urges shareholders to approve its sale, notes more challenges ahead
- Humana profit tops estimates; sees \$550 million tax benefit
- Bills seeking to improve state's legal liability climate move forward
- Humana to consolidate clinics into new company, beats on 4Q EPS, revenue
- Louisville VAMC director resigns after whistleblower retaliation claim
- Bill aimed at revising medical malpractice system advances
- Humana to consolidate clinics into new company, beats on 4Q EPS, revenue
- Kindred Describes Risky Home Health Business Landscape

## MICHIGAN

- Mercy Health pilots new practice and design model in Grand Rapids
- President of Wayne State University Physician Group reassigned
- Lawrence, who led CMCH, to retire from McLaren Central Michigan



- Former Detroit Medical Center employee claims firing was retaliation for union activities
- Meal options reduced at Detroit Medical Center to improve efficiency
- Beaumont Children's names leader of pediatric surgery
- Rehab company selling US operations for \$45M
- CEO of 2,000-member Wayne State University physician group steps down
- Sparrow Health System to close 16-bed St. Lawrence ED

## OHIO

- This Week's Personality: Mike Bitner a central figure in new Kettering Stat-Care
- Many of his ideas came from listening to the hospital's patients, their families, and its staff
- Report: Springfield hospital has \$350M economic impact
- Cincinnati businessman pledges \$50M to build floating hospital
- OhioHealth patients can access their medical records in upcoming version of Apple's Health app
- Cleveland Clinic deals with Indian River Medical Center, Martin Health could boost economy
- Hospitalizations reduced by regional collaboration in Ohio
- Nurse calls out sick with flu, then gets fired for violating hospital's attendance policy
- Mercy Health contributes \$350M to Springfield-area economy
- Massillon to acquire Affinity properties
- Cedarville University lands \$250K for pharmacy innovation center
- Greater Cincinnati health care groups to merge
- Brian Donley tapped as Cleveland Clinic London CEO
- Clinic's co-branded product with Oscar Health has exceeded hopes
- Wexner Medical Center departures: 'The issue here is about culture'
- Good Samaritan Hospital will close, but Premier not 'going anywhere'
- Dispute with landlord puts HCR ManorCare's future in question
- Dayton-area health care groups to merge
- Cleveland Clinic ER physician to run for governor
- Why at least 9 high-ranking Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center employees have left the institution within the past year

## WISCONSIN

- Wisconsin Nursing Homes Struggle To Keep Up With Costs
- Proposed state legislation would put video cameras in every Wisconsin OR
- Sue Erickson named CEO of UnityPoint Health-Meriter
- Caresyntax names former Wisconsin health system exec Dr. Paul Summerside CMO

- Medical College of Wisconsin opens new Hub for Collaborative Medicine
- IV saline shortages boost care costs in Wisconsin

## **SOUTH/SOUTHEAST**

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

### **ALABAMA**

- CMS threatens to revoke Alabama hospital's Medicare contract
- Grant to add 19 new Alabama telehealth locations
- Health care startup plans to add 175 employees in Alabama
- Sequence Health cuts ribbon on new medical call center in Cullman
- AHA: Rural Alabama hospitals will close if federal funding not restored
- UAB team makes medical discovery using big data
- Medical office building in works for new Alabama hospital campus

### **FLORIDA**

- New CEO named at Capital Regional Medical Center
- Florida Hospital announces plans for 2 new ERs
- Fisherman's Hospital will build new facility
- One-On-One: President and CEO of Lee Health Dr. Larry Antonucci
- Broward Health Medical Center names new CFO
- Area hospitals preparing for predicted nursing shortage
- \$40M rebuild set for Keys hospital wrecked in Irma
- Orlando Health selects new CIO
- South Florida medical real estate firm inks merger
- Architect poses Vertical Medical City complex for downtown
- As Broward Health bleeds, doctors warn mismanagement is affecting health care
- Florida Judge Throws Out False Claims Lawsuit Against Epic
- Q&A with Dr. Narendra Kini, CEO of Miami Children's Health System
- Four-story surgery center proposed near Palm Beach hospital
- Boca Raton Regional Hospital earnings decline while revenue grows
- City, county both favor UCF to take over Sanford Burnham's Lake Nona assets
- Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point hires new CEO
- Orlando Health's operating income jumps 26% in FY 2017

### **GEORGIA**



- HCA acquires 612-bed Georgia hospital
- Memorial Health sale to HCA final, longtime Savannah nonprofit in new hands
- CMC announces Mosley as new CEO
- Editorial: Let's welcome new Memorial Health owner HCA
- Monroe hospital to be sold
- Micro-hospitals proposed to provide rural Georgia health care
- CEO: Atrium Health targets Georgia expansion
- Florida medical real estate firm merges with Atlanta's Donati Health Partners
- Piedmont Healthcare adds 1st-ever EVP, real estate chief
- Piedmont Athens Regional taps new COO

## MISSISSIPPI

- Bill would have set new health plan for Mississippi to administer Medicaid
- Medical board selects executive director
- Medicaid expansion debate pops up in Senate

## NORTH CAROLINA

- BCBS of North Carolina's new CEO hopes for decadeslong relationship with Mission Health
- Wake Forest Baptist, Hugh Chatham join to run Alleghany hospital
- Nash hospital opens Talbott Cancer Center
- Woman pleads guilty to stealing \$3M from N Carolina hospital
- Incomplete medical records causing problems for NC patients, doctors
- Dixon to lead Park Ridge Health Emergency Department
- DHHS submits behavioral health strategic plan to legislature
- \$10.8 million grant will help equip soon-to-open cancer center
- Isley Named New CEO of UNC-Nash Healthcare
- Carolinas HealthCare System takes a new name as it aims for regional growth
- 3 Nash UNC Health Care execs to step down
- Groundbreaking at OBX Hospital's Radiation Therapy Center
- Renamed Atrium Health plans to combine with another Southern hospital system
- What's next for the \$30 million dollar Wrightsville Avenue hospital facility?
- Novant Health Invests over \$750,000 in Local Nonprofit Organizations
- UNC Health Care Network head gives Eden Chamber a glimpse of plans
- Telemedicine Holds Promise for Expanding Rural Access

- CEO: Atrium Health targets Georgia expansion
- Premier to cut 75 employees, costing \$5.2 million
- Winston-Salem med management firm raises \$300K, targets \$1.5 million
- Wake Forest Baptist, Hugh Chatham Memorial to takeover ownership of Sparta hospital
- Iredell Health System names 1st-ever COO

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- Nurse practitioners again battle for expanded practice in S.C., this time with McMaster's support
- Conway Medical Center names Barr CEO
- Former HDL chief found liable in federal fraud case
- Health in brief: MUSC recognized for diversity and more
- MUSC reaches out to Shriners Hospitals for Children for its expertise in developing pediatric burn unit within MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital
- LMC Foundation giving more than \$1.1M to promote health
- Palmetto Health ends FY 2017 with \$43.8M operating loss
- South Carolina hospital aims to save \$1M by reducing workforce

## **TENNESSEE**

- CHS, Quorum ink hospital sale deals
- Bucking mayor plan, councilmembers recommend increase in Nashville General Hospital funds
- Following CEO-elect's sudden retirement, Ballad Health names 16 new leaders
- MFC pays \$46M+ for Meridian facilities
- State lawmaker proposes bill to keep Nashville General open
- Tennova to sell Jamestown hospital to Rennova, company now operating hospital in Scott Co.
- These are the people who will run Ballad Health
- Bristol Tennessee health clinic doing well a year after opening
- Hospital begins work on cardiology growth
- Ballad's number two man retires
- Council approves \$17.1 million in stopgap funding for Nashville General Hospital
- Council trumps Mayor Barry, approves larger subsidy for Nashville General Hospital
- Former Change Healthcare CEO leading infusion venture
- Ballad Health asking lawmakers to keep certain "competitive" records confidential
- TennCare insurer names new president
- Le Bonheur opens new \$10M outpatient center

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL/SOUTHWEST**

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

### **ARIZONA**

- New Marana 'freestanding ER' set to open this month
- Nonprofit health tech initiative growing in second year with GPEC partnership

### **LOUISIANA**

- Children's Hospital plans a more family-centric facility as renovations progress
- LSU prez: Ochsner, University hospitals talks progressing
- Louisiana Medicaid program spending less than expected
- Former employees, internal reports detail patient care issues, fraud at Brentwood Hospital

### **NEW MEXICO**

- Molina Healthcare sues New Mexico after losing Medicaid contract
- Molina 'likely' to leave NM over Medicaid loss
- One of New Mexico's largest health care providers could leave the state
- New Mexico studies expanding Medicaid with buy-in coverage
- Health care sector continues to be bright spot for New Mexico's economy
- Budget deadlock imperils NM's health care, Udall says

### **OKLAHOMA**

- OU hospitals transfer to new ownership
- OU Medicine announces big changes to hospital

### **TEXAS**

- Partnership Brings Focus on Cyber Security Solutions to Texas Hospitals
- In Texas Health System, Bundled Payments Saved More Than \$5K per Joint Replacement
- Texas Hospital Association to work with Clearwater Compliance to manage hospital cybersecurity
- Longtime ETMC CEO Elmer Ellis to retire ahead of Ardent acquisition
- Struggling Gainesville Hospital Selects Plano Management Company
- Members of Texas Medical Center accelerator's digital health startup cohort vie for venture funding
- Hospital board enters negotiations with new company to run NTMC
- Major shareholder wants more frequent oversight of Tenet's board
- East Texas Medical Center settles negligence case for \$9M
- Groundbreaking ceremony to be held on Longview's new medical complex
- Grace Health to Become Part of Covenant Health

- South Texas Health System breaks ground on STHS ER
- FIRST LOOK: The Heart Hospital Baylor McKinney
- TeamHealth buys Dallas-based ER staffing firm
- Houston billionaire couple gives Memorial Hermann \$25 million
- Standalone ERs may have grown too fast in Texas, but other states continue to embrace them
- Texas hospital seeks new management company after UHS backs out of deal
- Baylor Scott & White Health CFO resigns

## **NORTHWEST**

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

### **ALASKA**

- Alaska's Emergency Care Network At Risk If Bill Passes, Emergency Physicians Say
- New members join Hospital Board, Planning Commission
- Feds want Alaska to ditch law requiring healthcare providers to prove need before expanding

### **IDAHO**

- Saint Alphonsus Medical Center appoints new president
- Lawmakers ask: Does your midwife need that many licensing rules? Your counselor?

### **MONTANA**

- MT Hospital Swaps NextGen EHR for athenahealth EHR Replacement
- ESI Negotiates \$5.7M Sale of 98-Bed Skilled Nursing Facility in Montana
- Senate deal could mean funding for Montana rural health programs

### **OREGON**

- In a new twist, Oregon Health Authority sues FamilyCare
- Health Share grows by 102k new Medicaid members in a day
- Oregon State Hospital has a new superintendent
- OHSU apologizes for 'archaic' policy, reverses course after denying undocumented woman liver transplant
- Legislature 2018: Nosse's new drug pricing bill is slimmed down but still controversial
- Oregon constitutional amendment on universal care moves one step closer to voters

### **WASHINGTON**

- Merger Could Create Nation's Largest Health System
- Western Washington Medical Group experiences possible medical record data breach
- Unnecessary medical tests cost Washington patients \$282 million during one-year period, study says
- Trios Health swaps out interim CEO amid bankruptcy process

## WYOMING

- South Big Horn hospital board divided

## WEST

*(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)*

## CALIFORNIA

- SV Hospital looks to pair with 'world-class health care' partner
- Children's Hospital L.A. CEO to Chair State Children's Hospital Association
- San Leandro Hospital To Undergo \$26.8 Million Renovation
- Sodexo employees at Tenet hospital in California set to strike Thursday
- UCSF to build new hospital, aided by \$500M gift
- Modesto hospital adds more heart services. Turlock hospital changes its approach
- Bill would mandate greater oversight of health plan mergers
- Nurses Association negotiator calls UC contract proposals 'egregious'

## COLORADO

- Bill would require full transparency in health care pricing
- UCHHealth acquiring Pikes Peak Regional Hospital in Woodland Park
- Bill would share data EMTs gather about patients
- Cafasso named CEO of Pueblo's St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center
- At a southeast Colorado nursing home, federal investigators found troubling instances of violence — by the residents
- CHI sees operating loss shrink as turnaround efforts take hold
- Kaiser Permanente Colorado finds there's more to telemedicine than video
- OSHA fines nursing home for failing to protect staff from violent residents
- State issues temporary nurse licenses but questions remain
- Denver healthcare blockchain data company BurstIQ raising money

## HAWAII

- Hawaii bill calls for insurers to cover air ambulance rides
- HPSA designation will help recruit doctors

## NEVADA

- Survey prompts county to confront hospital owner
- UNR Med launches new department of surgery

## UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare CEO Marc Harrison: Hundreds of hospitals interested in nonprofit generic drug company

- Utah Valley Hospital's new Sorenson Legacy Tower is almost ready for patients