

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - MARCH 2, 2018

### NATIONAL

- CMS moves forward with new voluntary bundled payment
- AMA seeks MAT changes to combat opioid crisis
- 35 hospital groups urge court to halt \$1.6B in Medicare payment cuts
- 20 states file lawsuit against federal government calling the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional
- Moody's warns hospitals to beware of payer growth strategies on margins, bargaining power
- Apple Is Joining Amazon and Warren Buffett in the Health Care Business
- Four New Skills Sought by Managed Care Organizations
- Healthcare Execs Call Telehealth a Priority, But Are Still Reluctant
- DOJ chucks most of UnitedHealth false billing lawsuit
- Fierce flu season to buoy for-profit hospital operator results
- 13 healthcare privacy incidents in February
- DOJ aligns with states in opioid lawsuit, increases scrutiny on drug companies
- CMS seeks physician participants for study on quality reporting burdens

### NORTHEAST

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

#### **CONNECTICUT**

- Wallingford-based Masonicare is selling Newtown facility
- Hartford HealthCare, Tufts Health Plan Join Forces To Create Insurance Company
- Lifespan joins merger talks with Care New England, Partners
- Masonicare, Hebrew Senior Care form senior-based hospital alliance
- St. Francis parent's operating income up 62% in first half of fiscal '18
- MedExpress opens Middletown urgent care, third in CT
- Bristol Hospital to debut \$3.4M senior behavioral care unit
- Middlesex Hospital uses temporary ER in wake of crash

#### **MAINE**

- Lovejoy Health Center celebrates completed expansion with open house
- MaineMed, ambulance provider settle civil lawsuits for \$1.4M

- [DHHS to outsource Medicaid staff](#)

## MASSACHUSETTS

- [Shattuck Hospital to relocate to Boston Medical Center campus](#)
- [Nurses and hospital continue bargaining with strike still looming](#)
- [Massachusetts hospital to close, transition inpatient services to Boston Medical Center](#)
- [Partners HealthCare adds Lifespan to Rhode Island expansion plans](#)
- [Steward Health Care to move top executives to Dallas](#)
- [Boston Children's joins research network to gain access to patient data](#)
- [Doctor pleads guilty as part of Aegerion drug misbranding probe](#)
- [Fallon, Tufts finish 2017 in the black](#)
- [Fallon's new CFO joins Health Foundation committee](#)
- [Shrewsbury home health firm acquired for \\$2.1M](#)

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [Planning Board grapples with hospital project](#)
- [New Hampshire woman sues state hospital and health services over patient assault](#)

## NEW YORK

- [Nomad gets \\$12M to scale up, improve healthcare job portal](#)
- [Biotech startup Kallyope raises \\$66M to study the gut-brain connection](#)
- [NYC H + H's CEO Looks at Primary Care's Role in Healthcare Reform](#)
- [New York hospital sheds \\$2.34M of expenses in 2-day cost purge](#)
- [38 New York hospitals get \\$24.2M in quality payments from Excellus BCBS](#)
- [Former nurse claiming retaliation wins lawsuit against Queen's Medical Center](#)
- [Patients Are More Likely to Survive at These 4 Tri-State Hospitals: Report](#)
- [Albany Med buys two buildings totaling \\$4.95 million](#)

## RHODE ISLAND

- [Lifespan joins merger talks with Care New England, Partners](#)
- [Partners HealthCare adds Lifespan to Rhode Island expansion plans](#)
- [Lifespan reports increased operating income, strong overall results in FY17](#)
- [South County Health and Yale New Haven Health end R.I. merger talks](#)

## VERMONT

- [BMH settles false claims allegation](#)
- [New health care tech leader says staff is up to challenge](#)

- CEO of 2 University of Vermont Health Network hospitals to retire

## **MID-ATLANTIC / EAST**

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

### **DELAWARE**

- Kent County takes aim at 'Big Pharma'
- New advisory group seeks to reign in health care costs

### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

- New turnaround operator to start Monday at United Medical Center
- Company charged with DC hospital's turnaround to focus on RCM as part of first efforts
- D.C. public hospital board plans to go to court to avoid releasing meeting records

### **MARYLAND**

- Ambulance service faces whistleblower suit over Medicaid billing
- Lawsuit says Maryland ambulance company overbilled Medicare
- Havre de Grace council member also sits on state hospital licensing board
- Gov. Hogan's budget plan delays funding for the new Capital Region Medical Center
- St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson plans \$100 million renovation and facility upgrades
- Kennedy Krieger CEO Gary Goldstein to retire after 30 years
- Baltimore medical device firm Sisu Global Health launching first product, raising money for growth
- Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center plans \$469M expansion
- MedStar Health grows Q2 net income by \$62M

### **NEW JERSEY**

- SNF aims to cut ER visits with telemed
- Children's Regional Hospital at Cooper University Health Care Opens New Pediatric Infusion Center
- Patients Are More Likely to Survive at These 4 Tri-State Hospitals: Report
- Atlantic Health expands ambulatory care

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

- Penn State Children's Hospital expansion project advanced by board committee
- Mercy Philadelphia Hospital embarks on \$15 million ER expansion
- UPMC Pinnacle replaces managers at former Carlisle Regional
- Why Health Care Systems Are Building Micro Hospitals
- Penn State Health and Highmark advance their partnership
- Many hospitals phasing out nurseries in favor of 'rooming in'

- Management shake-up at Hahnemann University Hospital
- 3 Highmark Health officials join Penn State Health board
- Genesis Healthcare gets some debt relief
- Cooper opens pediatric infusion center in Camden
- Hahnemann's new owners to replace hospital's top execs
- Geisinger names Kevin Roberts new CFO
- Medtronic and Lehigh Valley Health Network Sign Strategic Partnership Agreement Focused on Delivering Value-Based Healthcare Programs
- UPMC reports \$1.3 billion profit, touts insurance growth
- Penn State Children's Hospital is one of 7 in nation with pediatric surgery verification
- Canonsburg hospital launches heart-related rehab programs
- Geisinger more than doubles net income in first half of FY18, but sees operating margin slip on health plan
- UHS Q4 earnings jump to \$220M

## **VIRGINIA**

- Health care crisis persists in rural areas of Virginia
- Hundreds of Virginians Rally for Medicaid Expansion
- The Future of Health Care Delivery: Homes not Hospitals

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

- West Virginia drops lawsuit against DEA
- Urgent care centers represent entrepreneurial opportunities, positive health outcomes in Appalachia

## **CENTRAL**

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

## **IOWA**

- Iowa physician's license to practice indefinitely suspended for providing inappropriate pain management
- New NIACC, University of Iowa nursing partnership aims to curb state, national shortages

## **KANSAS**

- Karren Weichert, CEO of Midland Care, honored as ABWA chapter's Woman of Distinction
- Kansas agency inadvertently shared personal health information of 11,000 people
- CEO will depart one of KC's biggest health systems
- Olathe Medical Center wraps up \$100M expansion with new cancer center

## **MINNESOTA**

- Adverse health report includes Albert Lea, Austin

- Mayo Clinic spinoff lauded for innovation
- Minnesota hospital errors rose slightly over past 4 years
- Staff Shortages Have Become a Fast-Growing Concern, Hospital CEOs Say

## MISSOURI

- Telemedicine to allow SSM to remotely link to patients, hospitals
- Hospital taking steps to resolve billing issues
- Rural Missouri hospital files for bankruptcy
- Tenet values Des Peres Hospital assets at more than \$40 million
- Local exec ranks among top minorities in health care
- Dr. Anthony Tersigni: Virtual care is transforming our healthcare system one visit at a time
- Ascension to enter physician practice revenue cycle agreement with R1

## NEBRASKA

- Nye Health announces Harris promotion
- Beatrice Community Hospital's CEO looks to the future
- Methodist Hospital in Omaha to close home health and hospice program in March

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Altru Health System CEO to resign in 2019, COO to succeed

## SOUTH DAKOTA

- \$10 million health care building is open to the public
- Regional Health Rapid City Hospital verified as Level II Trauma Center

## MIDWEST

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

## ILLINOIS

- Loyola's purchase of MacNeal Hospital could take away Berwyn's biggest source of property tax revenue
- Loyola's Pending Purchase Of Berwyn Hospital Worries Taxpayers, Union
- Illinois lawmakers to finalize hospital assessment program
- Another Chicago hospital plans pediatric unit closure
- Outcome Health lays off 20 more employees
- How Rush hospital is working to tackle Chicago's 'death gap'
- Meet the new interim CEO at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Rockford hospital partners with Chicago children's hospital
- Illinois House approves plan for Medicaid hospital financing

- [Tenet continues hospital sell-off spree with deals in Illinois, Texas](#)

## INDIANA

- [IU Health operating earnings climb on strong patient volumes](#)
- [IU Health Touts 'Substantial Progress' in 2017](#)
- [Franciscan hospital in Dyer to close its birthing center](#)
- [New Community East is big bet as industry revenues slow](#)
- [Judge says Bauer can work for IU Health](#)
- [Developer proposes \\$1B Indiana hospital](#)
- [Making Indiana One of The Healthiest States in America](#)
- [More Than a Hospital](#)
- [Community Health Names COO of North Region](#)
- [Assisted Living Community Opens in Muncie](#)
- [Pain Management Business Poised For Midwest Expansion](#)
- [Franciscan Health names new corporate SVP, hospital CEO](#)

## KENTUCKY

- [How lay-health workers are reducing readmission rates at a rural Kentucky hospital](#)
- [Kentucky Medicaid will penalize patients for unnecessary ED visits](#)
- [Emergency Or Not? Ky. Medicaid Changes Will Penalize For Unnecessary ER Visits](#)
- [With Amazon looming, Humana digs heels into senior care management](#)
- [Long-time Louisville pediatrician practice files for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection](#)
- [Kindred Healthcare reports 4Q loss](#)
- [UofL receives nearly \\$2 million from HRSA to better meet older adults' behavioral health needs](#)
- [Health care collections company to lay off 150 in Louisville](#)
- [Humana execs pick up more than \\$12 million from stock sales](#)

## MICHIGAN

- [Hospitals cut costs as revenue squeezed](#)
- [Centria Healthcare accuser pleads no contest to contempt of court](#)
- [Michigan Veteran Health System names Laurie McCullough-Benner as new CEO](#)
- [Charlevoix Hospital welcomes new chief operating officer](#)
- [U.S. attorney investigating DMC over possible federal anti-kickback violations](#)
- [St. Mary Mercy Livonia hospital appoints new chief medical officer](#)
- [Beaumont expanding pediatric network](#)



- [HMC announces new president/CEO](#)
- [Western Michigan medical school gets \\$2M bequest from Upjohn heir](#)
- [Days after CEO resigns, feds release investigative report on infection problems at Sparrow Carson](#)

## OHIO

- [Cleveland Clinic's London hospital to open in early 2021](#)
- [Independent physicians say they're getting squeezed out of business](#)
- [Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center plans new, \\$100 million hospital in Fairlawn](#)
- [Akron Children's Hospital appoints chief quality officer](#)
- [Auditor: Hamilton County healthcare providers have overbilled Medicaid for over \\$6M](#)
- [Local hospital to expand emergency department](#)
- [Ohio AG targets 4 drug distributors in second opioid lawsuit](#)
- [Toledo Hospitals to Use Telemedicine For ED Psychiatric Consults](#)
- [One of Greater Cincinnati's largest hospitals changes name, logo](#)
- [Ohio lawmakers consider banning tax breaks, state contracts from Anthem over ED policy](#)
- [Mercy Health hiring 60 at Dayton-area hospital](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic finances rebound in 2017](#)
- [Premier Health to partner on \\$24M rehabilitation institute near Miami Valley Hospital](#)
- [Grandview Medical Center to undergo expansion as nearby hospital closes](#)
- [TriHealth fills new senior leadership post with Cincinnati Bell veteran](#)
- [HealthSpan integration, community expansion help drive MetroHealth's strong 2017](#)

## WISCONSIN

- [Aurora Health Care switches sites for \\$130M ASC, physician office](#)
- [Wisconsin Attorney General Leading Federal Lawsuit Against ACA](#)
- [All work, no pay: Area home health care provider shuts doors as payments for services rendered fail to come](#)
- [Gateway to help fast-track training for nurses aides](#)
- [Local nursing programs take on nationwide shortage](#)
- [Marshfield Clinic: \\$17M operating loss dragged by federal health plan changes](#)
- [Walker moves to stabilize health care insurance](#)

## SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

## ALABAMA

- [State board approves request for cancer center in Florence](#)

- Medical Properties Trust promotes senior executives

## FLORIDA

- 2 families accuse Kindred Hospital North Florida of neglect
- State rejects Munroe's plan for new hospital
- Florida regulators reject Munroe Regional's proposal to construct \$102M hospital
- \$22M Nursing Home Rejected in Florida, Masonicare Sells \$13M SNF
- GuideWell adds health care facilities in Winter Haven, Lake Mary
- Hospital seeks state approval for 160-bed tower
- Millions at stake for South Florida safety-net hospitals as budget negotiations begin
- Sanford Burnham agrees to return \$12.3 million to state
- Tallahassee's Heritage Healthcare fined \$25,000, scores near bottom
- Florida Hospital executive overseeing women's and children's services resigns
- 500 children may need revaccination; Orlando doctor arrested, officials say
- Labor market report shows growing shortage of workers in health care, retail
- Lee Health makes new push for Estero hospital
- Pensacola Naval Hospital becomes outpatient only, will no longer deliver babies
- Assisted living generator rule stalls in Florida House
- Jury Enters \$2.85 Million Verdict In Whistleblower Trial Against Florida Hospital
- No more baby deliveries: Rural hospital affected after state's Medicaid cuts
- Cleveland Clinic takeover of Indian River Medical Center expected to close by Aug. 31

## GEORGIA

- GE and Navicent Health enter 6-year partnership
- Georgia AG Signs Off on Piedmont-Columbus Deal
- CHI Memorial Hospital: Erlanger surgery center would hurt North Georgia
- Georgia doctor to plead guilty to disclosing patient info to Aegerion
- South Georgia in need of nurses at hospitals
- WellStar more than doubles net income in Q2: 4 things to know
- Georgia Legislature revisiting rural hospital tax credit
- Clinch Memorial Hospital ending affiliation with South Georgia Medical Center
- Piedmont Healthcare enters into service agreement with Atlanta Brain & Spine Care
- Grady Hospital Keeping Mobile ER Open For Another Month



- Why this Georgia health system is transitioning into a nonprofit
- Navicent Health Baldwin taps Judy Ware as interim CEO

## MISSISSIPPI

- University of Mississippi Medical Center names interim CEO for 2 hospitals
- Mississippi House Kills Bill Targeting Hospital Problems

## NORTH CAROLINA

- Vidant's new health model helps patients take charge of care
- 30,000 people work at UNC Health Care. Its potential partner is cutting jobs.
- Charlotte hospital giant plans to slash labor costs across the region, documents show
- What did Atrium Health's top execs earn last year?
- Duke providers remain at cardiology clinic
- Southeastern Health welcomes new VP
- Atrium Health's cost-cutting strategies do not concern UNC Health Care execs ahead of planned merger
- Cone Health posts slight decrease in first quarter excess revenue
- Is security at Charlotte-area hospitals adequate?
- Why UNC Rex just paid \$5.1M for more land in Holly Springs
- Novant ends fiscal 2017 with 5 percent increase in excess revenue
- Wake Forest Baptist excess revenue more than doubles in first half of 2017-18
- Ease rules on nurses to counter shortage
- Some doctors leaving Atrium Health amid new compensation contract

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- MUSC terminates employees who 'snoop' in patients' medical records
- What Greenville Health sale could mean for patients
- St. Francis names new chief medical officer
- Greenville Health System withdraws application for new psychiatric hospital
- Mary Black Spartanburg names new CEO

## TENNESSEE

- Rural Tennessee Hospital May Sidestep Closure Thanks To Nashville Investors
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center partners with nationally recognized health system
- CHS names division president

- Physician advocates: CHS should 'return to the business of healthcare excellence'
- Nashville General CEO Dr. Joseph Webb on hospital's future, fiscal stability: 'Nash Gen should remain intact as a full-service hospital'
- HealthStream CIO preps exit
- St. Jude building Memphis research facility, part of \$1B hospital expansion
- Wayne Smith says CHS to sell more hospitals in 2018
- CHS' shares plummet after reporting \$2B loss

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

### **ARKANSAS**

- ACH Opens Emergency and Inpatient Services
- Arkansas Children's Northwest Set To Open
- UAMS to cut 124 additional jobs; positions will be eliminated through attrition, not layoffs, exec says
- Arkansas academic health center to cut 130 additional jobs through attrition

### **ARIZONA**

- Arizona physicians work to keep residents and economy healthy
- Audit: Arizona did not collect about \$40M in drug rebates
- Maricopa Integrated Health System to pay \$59M to buy Maryvale hospital
- Taxpayer-funded health district to buy, reopen Maryvale Hospital in \$60 million deal
- Shuttered Hospital in West Phoenix Sold; Will Reopen in 2019
- Bill would allow Arizona pharmacists to tell patients about cheaper prescription drug options
- Phoenix Children's Hospital wins battle against Irish hospital over similar names

### **LOUISIANA**

- A hospital group in New Orleans is working with Microsoft to help predict patient emergencies
- Ochsner, Chamberlain University partner to curb nursing shortage
- Louisiana joins multi-state lawsuit to toss Affordable Care Act

### **NEW MEXICO**

- Why New Mexico struggles to rank higher in Best States ranking
- Addus to Buy New Mexico Home Health Provider for \$40M
- Judge dismisses Molina's lawsuit over New Mexico Medicaid contracts
- Alta Vista Regional Hospital names Caleb O'Rear permanent CEO

### **OKLAHOMA**

- Health providers working to make medical care accessible
- MRHC CEO details next steps to building new cancer center
- Funding Cut For All Oklahoma State Agencies

## TEXAS

- Hospital added new medical doctors, technologies
- Free-standing emergency rooms taking off
- That freestanding emergency room is probably not in-network, no matter what the website says
- Medical City Plano and Medical City Frisco Name New CFO
- Tenet Posts \$230M Loss in Q4, Continues Hospital-Selling Spree
- Steward Health Care to move top executives to Dallas
- Northwest Texas Hospital partners with Sound Physicians
- Hendrick CEO Lancaster brings hospital award back home to Abilene
- Children's Hospital reports \$3.7 million loss in first quarter
- Tenet says it's on schedule to bring in \$1B in proceeds through divestitures
- Longview Regional parent reports widening losses
- One of Frisco's largest employers faces uncertainty as Tenet Healthcare reworks its business
- Addus to Buy New Mexico Home Health Provider for \$40M
- Jon Alford to serve as CFO of Medical City Plano, Medical City Frisco
- Cook Children's Hospital to transition to an ASC, affecting 150 jobs
- Baylor Scott & White closes 113-bed Texas hospital
- Tenet continues hospital sell-off spree with deals in Illinois, Texas

## NORTHWEST

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

## ALASKA

- Alaska is insurance company's testing ground for health portal

## IDAHO

- Idaho House panel kills health care alternative plan
- Telemedicine improves medical care in eastern Idaho
- Idaho Governor Butch Otter Meets With HHS Secretary Azar Over Controversial Insurance Plans

## MONTANA

- Does Missoula need two neonatal ICUs? Community hospital execs concerned as St. Pat's opens its own
- Gallatin health advocates say they feel disjointed from the state

## OREGON

- [CareOregon absorbs 78K new members, dozens of employees from FamilyCare](#)
- [Prescription drug bill passes Oregon House, moves to Senate](#)
- [Oregon voters won't get to decide whether health care is a universal right](#)

## WASHINGTON

- [Warren Buffett wants big results from Amazon health care partnership](#)
- [This Seattle hospital aims to get sepsis patients on antibiotics within 3 hours — here's how](#)
- [Vera Whole Health Receives Seattle Business Magazine's Innovation in Healthcare Delivery Award](#)
- [Trios Health selects another new interim CEO, CFO](#)

## WYOMING

- [Medicaid work requirement faces third Wyoming Senate reading](#)
- [Does A Larger Role For Midwives Mean Better Care?](#)
- [Bill to privatize 2 state facilities moves through Senate](#)
- [South Big Horn County CEO resigns](#)
- [Wyoming health system loses up to \\$200k to surgery center billing delays](#)

## WEST

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

## CALIFORNIA

- [Adventist Health promotes Fuentes to president of Sonora hospital](#)
- [Anthem Blue Cross accuses California hospital of \\$13.5M billing scheme](#)
- [At Some California Hospitals, Fewer Than Half Of Workers Get The Flu Shot](#)
- [Hospital leaders pick Kaiser as top healthcare organization](#)
- [U.S. Office of Personnel Management accuses Health Net of obstructing federal IT audit](#)
- [Catalina Island Medical Center adding services](#)
- [Nurses to St. Joe CE: 'respect nurses and other health care workers'](#)
- [New CEO appointed at North County Health Services](#)
- [El Camino Hospital taps new CIO](#)
- [Drs. Kirk Clifford, James Gebhard to build spine surgery program at Colorado hospital](#)

## COLORADO

- [Ten ERs In Colorado Tried To Curtail Opioids And Did Better Than Expected](#)
- [10 Colorado EDs cut opioid use by 36% in 6 months](#)
- [Grant for \\$500K from Colorado Health Foundation supports new medical office building in Craig](#)

- [Damage limit in local medical malpractice case goes to appeal, could set new law](#)
- [Fewer Colorado hospitals make Healthgrades' 2018 'best hospitals' list](#)
- [Kansas City-area hospital CEO to become metro-Denver health-care exec](#)
- [Colorado sees record-breaking number of flu hospitalizations](#)

## HAWAII

- [Supporters lobby for bill that would help Hilo hospital treat heart attacks](#)

## NEVADA

- [Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital taps Steven Simpson as CEO](#)
- [UNLV Medicine's New CEO Eyes the Details](#)
- [Alta Vista Regional Hospital names Caleb O'Rear permanent CEO](#)

## UTAH

- [Intermountain Healthcare upgrades digital care for Utah patients with a new, more centralized 'virtual hospital'](#)
- [Intermountain Healthcare launches virtual hospital](#)
- [Why Intermountain Healthcare is making generic drugs](#)
- [Strategic Student & Senior Housing Trust Acquires Portfolio of Three Salt Lake City Assisted Living Communities](#)