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NATIONAL

- Tech's Next Big Wave: Big Data Meets Biology
- Hospitals Acquired 5K Independent Practices from 2015 to 2016
- CMS promises more APM's, continued flexibility, better alignment of reporting tracks for MACRA
- CMS official: Moving physicians into advanced APMs under MACRA a 'top strategic goal'
- Five areas of the highest physician pay in the US revealed
- 20 metros areas with highest, lowest physician compensation
- Amazon is hiring a former FDA official to work on its secretive health tech business
- A new kind of doctor's office that doesn't take insurance and charges a monthly fee is 'popping up everywhere' and that could change
 how we think about healthcare
- Shulkin doubles-down on EHR modernization as price tag swells
- Amazon made another bold move into healthcare that went relatively unnoticed
- 32 healthcare leaders describe their last trip to the hospital
- Stronger Healthcare Cyber Hygiene Can Improve Patient Safety
- CMS' Goodrich: More MACRA Relief On the Way
- Report: Hospitals failed to pass along millions in credits to Medicare
- Urgent care center growth in claim lines more than 7 times that of ER from 2007 to 2016
- 6 state bills targeting balance billing in Q1
- 'Unreviewable': HHS Asks D.C. Circuit to Curb Hospitals' 340B Suit
- Why C-Suites Need to Get a Grip on Physician Burnout
- 18 nonprofit hospital CEOs who made \$5M+ in 2014
- Research misconduct allegations shadow likely CDC appointee
- Seven ACOs Exit Next Generation Model, Blaming CMS for "Unilateral" Changes

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Vincent's trauma center gets national verification
- Trio to head Access Health CT during CEO search
- Connecticut medical board fines Hamden, West Haven doctors



- CT Hospital Patients Frustrated After Cerner EHR Implementation
- Bristol Hospital opens medical training simulation room
- Greenwich specialty financier acquires Oregon healthcare lender
- CT healthcare organizations get \$1.8M in federal help for internet bills

MAINE

- LePage: MaineGeneral hospital investment in Augusta 'a massive disaster'
- Central Maine Healthcare, partners creating Topsham health-care center

MASSACHUSETTS

- Doctors In Boston, Prestigious Medical Community, Near Bottom Of US Pay Scale
- OUR VIEW: Hospital's partnership with urgent care centers has much promise
- Court Documents Shine New Light on Hospital, CEO Dispute
- Nurses union, hospitals battle over ballot question setting patient limits
- Mass General, Brigham and Women's launch digital pathology project with Royal Philips
- State to pay doctors' student loans to lure them to community health centers
- Ballot initiative stirs debate on nurse staffing ratios in Massachusetts
- Walgreens to pay \$5.5M to resolve allegations of overcharging for prescription drugs

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire gets \$333K for response to opioid epidemic
- Telemedicine Projects Deliver Two-Way Specialty Bedside Care
- Appledore Medical names Harker new CMO

NEW YORK

- Five New York doctors charged with taking kickbacks from Insys
- Cuomo's budget would scrap audits protecting doctors from being overworked
- A bad medical screening: Why did hospital hire doctor with such a dubious background?
- New York State Approves \$40M Hospital Project
- New York hospital data breach, 135,000 patients potentially affected
- New York health systems opening 400k-sq-ft outpatient surgery-focused care center
- Parachute Health raises \$5.5M to digitize 'archaic' medical equipment orders
- New York's only freestanding pediatric health facility completed on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus
- Former president, CEO of Bassett Healthcare Network to take over once again
- Burke Rehabilitation Hospital names new chief medical officer
- Telemedicine launches at Northwell skilled nursing facility



- Column: NY's home care providers continue to face challenges
- Bassett Healthcare Network CEO Dr. Vance Brown to resign; former CEO to return
- MidHudson Regional Hospital Completes \$8 Million Renovation
- New York hospital seeks critical access status to jump-start finances
- MVHS, project manager report progress on \$480M downtown Utica hospital
- New York health system eliminating outpatient surgery due to freestanding surgery center proliferation
- NIH funding is on the rise. Here's who's winning in the Albany area
- Kaleida receives next approval for Eastern Niagara merger
- Upstate University Hospital interim CEO resigns
- Joseph's Health seeks to fill 200+ jobs

RHODE ISLAND

- Study: Partners takeover of Care New England could raise RI health insurance premiums
- Neighborhood loses \$1.7 million in 2017, as proposed Medicaid cuts worry executives

VERMONT

- UVM Medical Center adds Evans and Hagan to Board
- Goldfinger-Fein to lead People's Health & Wellness Clinic

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- New short-term rehab center nearing official full-time opening
- Delaware health workers trained to deal with effects of trauma, toxic stress

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- C. Council approves subpoenas for public hospital's former consultants
- Bowser wants to speed up design, construction of new hospital at St. E's

MARYLAND

- Maryland hospitals on-track to meet federal requirements for 'all-payer' model, data shows
- Prince Georgians Embrace State Single-Payer System
- S. reaches settlement with MD Healthcare providers to settle office testing claims
- governor, legislative leaders say they have a solution to soaring health-care premiums
- Dwayne Richardson named senior vice president of operations at Carroll Hospital
- Johns Hopkins nurses eye unionizing over staffing, benefits
- Mercy Family Care Opens \$4M Facility



- Maryland healthcare entities settle false billing allegations
- Mid-Atlantic Ophthalmology Group grows through acquisition of Maryland Vision Institute
- RCA opens 140-bed center in Maryland
- CMS Cites Baltimore Hospital for Abandoning Patient in January
- Health care-focused Deerfield Management leads Baltimore biotech's \$40M round
- Maryland hospital officials, patient advocates fight over patient bill of rights legislation

NEW JERSEY

- Struggling Salem County hospital may have a buyer (again). Here's what we know so far
- Hackensack Meridian Health Plans to Partner with Carrier Clinic
- I. largest hospital chain's next acquisition target is a renowned mental health center
- Plans before building new Jersey hospital decided
- Virtua nurses call off strike, agree to three-year contract
- New Jersey hospital launches Digestive Care Center in ASC
- EXCLUSIVE: J&J in talks to build incubator in new innovation hub
- South Jersey health systems unite in Camden to battle opioid epidemic

PENNSYLVANIA

- Former Pennsylvania Hospital cardiologist settles stent fraud
- Highmark Health says 2017 revenue was record-breaking
- While nursing homes struggle financially, Genesis Healthcare is managing the turbulence
- Wills Eye appeals to change classification from ASC to hospital
- citing more Philly-area nursing homes for lack of nursing care
- Nurses win another round vs. Crozer's new owner
- Cancer diagnostics company raises \$2.5M in funding
- Lancaster health center opens residency program for nurse practitioners

VIRGINIA

- Cleveland Clinic Exec Picked to Fill Big Shoes as Inova Health CEO
- How Inova Health is customizing the billing process to improve patient experience
- Medical Center CEO named to "Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare" list
- Centra Health forms accountable care organization

WEST VIRGINIA

- 'Innovation' is key to hospital crisis, Ramsey says
- Cabell Huntington CEO shares his vision, Fowler: 'I see so many things happening in health care for this region'



- Hospital leans on machine learning to reduce sepsis-related mortality rate
- Mon Health's interim CEO Dottie Oakes steps down

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- CHI Health breaks ground on new Valley View clinic
- Iowa Senate approves telehealth expansion

KANSAS

- Children's Mercy opens clinic in JC
- These two JoCo hospitals need CEOs. The men there now make more than a million
- Leawood company owns part of Florida hospital filing for bankruptcy
- University of Kansas Health System signs 105,000-square-foot lease in tech park in Lenexa
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- Retiring CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas reflects on career in health care
- KU Health System buys former EPA HQ, plans \$61M renovation
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital releases details of \$93M facility

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota Creating Task Force to Address HIE Issues
- UnitedHealth may expand 'remote therapy' efforts after promising Minneapolis study
- Hennepin Healthcare opens \$225M outpatient clinic
- Former Allina exec pleads guilty to swindling
- Bill to License Assisted Living, Memory Care Communities Introduced in Minnesota
- Ability Network is Expanding its Minneapolis HQ
- Twin Cities med-tech company NxThera to be sold to Boston Scientific in \$400M deal

MISSOURI

- Ascension, other hospitals cut jobs amid fiscal pressures and ACA uncertainty
- Intermountain, SSM, Ascension and Trinity's generic drug venture could have a third of the hospital market as members
- SSM Health names new board chair
- At University of Missouri Health Care, business is booming

NEBRASKA

- North Omaha Nebraska Medicine clinic won't move far to add space and hours
- CHI Health celebrates construction of new Council Bluffs clinic



Strategic Behavioral Health plans psychiatric hospital in Middleton

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Rapid City Regional Health leads the way in cardiovascular therapy
- Health insurance premiums up for some Wyoming exchange plans

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Lurie Children's Hospital strives to level health equity across Chicago
- Leapfrog: Chicago hospital's defamation lawsuit fails because safety grade was never published
- Woodstock nursing home says employee's firing didn't violate Whistleblower Act
- U of Illinois Hospital to close physical rehabilitation unit
- Sparta Community Hospital partners with SSM Health Cardinal Glennon to bring doctors closer to patients
- Advocate Health Care Network, doctor allegedly failed to provide proper care
- Advocate, Aurora Health Care merger clears final regulatory hurdle

INDIANA

- Beyond the rumors: No, Reid wasn't sold to another hospital network
- Eskenazi, Indiana Grown to Outline Partnership
- Zimmer Biomet Appoints Senior VP of Investor Relations
- DeKalb Health Names First Female CEO
- Former Eli Lilly CFO Derica Rice tabbed to head CVS Health's pharmacy benefit business: report
- Eskenazi Health, Indiana Grown Expand Locally Sourced Food Offerings
- IU School of Medicine matches more than 300 students to residency programs
- Downtown medical campus close to completion

KENTUCKY

- Kindred Healthcare investor suffers setback in lawsuit seeking to block merger
- Must-Read News: Kindred Deal Back on Track
- KentuckyOne Health announces affiliation agreement with Taylor Regional Hospital
- Trustee: U of L faces risks if KentuckyOne sells. 'If it doesn't, what is the backup plan?'
- Kindred shareholder opposed to Humana deal calls for leadership shakeup
- Nursing Home Operators Face Uphill Battle Against Lawsuits in Kentucky
- Activist Shareholder Continues Blasting Kindred Leadership Over Humana Deal
- Louisville Health Care Executives Discuss Hiring, Retention



- Humana reaches \$2.5M settlement over alleged pay discrimination against 753 women
- Here's what drove Norton's revenue 5 percent higher in 2017
- Family Allergy & Asthma finds investment partner

MICHIGAN

- Recruiting physicians to rural Northern Michigan takes diligence
- 100+ resident physicians, fellows voice concerns about Michigan Medicine's concierge medicine program
- DCHS earns accolades for patient safety
- Naming rights? Colorado firm sues Spectrum Health over MedNow service
- Henry Ford Health System to offer new patient experience platform in Southeast Michigan
- Shriners Brings Telehealth to Michigan With Covenant Health Deal
- Mercy Health aims for urgent care in Muskegon's former Old Country Buffet
- Intermountain, SSM, Ascension and Trinity's generic drug venture could have a third of the hospital market as members
- Nurses say Detroit hospital violated agreement to provide care to poor
- Michigan nurses union report: Detroit Medical Center not living up to charity care promise
- Manufacturer buying land downtown for expansion

OHIO

- Cleveland Clinic Exec Picked to Fill Big Shoes as Inova Health CEO
- Mercy Health-Youngstown and Prima Health Care to join forces
- Kettering Health Network to add hospital in Troy
- Mercy Health-St. Rita's to be teaching hospital
- How former CEO of HCR ManorCare came to be owed \$116.7 million
- Massillon mayor's letter explores partners for Affinity
- Philips Healthcare laying off at least 65 Ohio employees, it says in letter to state
- This Atrium Medical Center unit was named best in the nation. Why that's important for you.
- Private Equity Firm Acquires Hospice with High Nurse-Patient Ratio
- Lawsuit: Similar malfunction at University Hospitals' fertility clinic also occurred in 2016
- Here's how Greater Cincinnati counties rank in health outcomes
- University Hospitals, plaintiffs' lawyers strike accord; restraining order dropped
- Marwan Sabbagh to lead Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health
- Experts: ManorCare in for soft landing after bankruptcy
- Corporate Innovator: Jennifer Dauer, SVP for Strategy and Growth, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- Florida health system furthers affiliation with Cleveland Clinic



- Cincinnati health care firms among leaders in drawing private equity
- Premier Health to close 491-bed Ohio hospital before September

WISCONSIN

- Practicing physician hired to help Kahler Slater design for health care's future
- Mary's Hospital starts expansion of Behavioral Health unit
- Manitowoc Holy Family Memorial President/CEO Mark Herzog to retire March 30
- Aurora, Advocate receive final approval before merger
- UWM retains Kahler Slater for \$80 million Columbia Hospital renovation project
- Navigating the integration
- Marquette unveils plans for new physician assistant building
- How Milwaukee schools are solving nursing shortages by rethinking BSN education

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Police: Disgruntled worker killed nurse in Alabama hospital
- Alabama Data Breach Notification Act Accounts for Medical Data
- Encompass Health announces definitive agreement to acquire Camellia Healthcare
- USA Health cuts 49 positions
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama increases opioid prescription regulations
- Pharma startup announces new director of finance
- Construction complete at Shelby County health facility
- Pickens County Medical Center names new CEO

FLORIDA

- Female physicians in Tampa are among the best paid in the country
- Leawood company owns part of Florida hospital filing for bankruptcy
- Biz Buzz: Florida Hospital hires new finance manager
- Cleveland Clinic Florida expands with new Wellington location
- Proposal takes aim at hospital 'certificates of need'
- Medical agreement could impact healthcare deliver in North Brevard
- Nursing home residents' rights measure scrapped
- After 9 years, Gastro Health replaces CEO 5 things to know about new leader Joseph Garcia
- Justices Rule Against Doctor In Malpractice Dispute



- Verax to build medical complex in Winter Park
- HCA appoints new president for West Florida Division
- Lee Health names Dr. Scott Nygaard COO
- Palms of Pasadena Hospital selects new CEO
- BayCare sees net income rise 31% in 2017

GEORGIA

- Piedmont Athens Regional Is Planning a \$171 Million Expansion
- Hospital: Millions in benefits provided
- Bill Would Let 'Micro-Hospitals' In Rural Georgia Counties
- Georgia Hospitals Eye EHR Add-On Offering Cost, Safety Information
- Governor intervenes in stalled Piedmont-Blue Cross contract talks
- Georgia governor will 'take whatever steps necessary' to guell Piedmont, BCBS dispute
- Dorman takes up mantle as CEO of Tift Regional Health Systems
- WellStar Kennestone Hospital names new president
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta announces big support building for new campus
- Tift Regional Health System taps Christopher Dorman as CEO

MISSISSIPPI

- Encompass Expands in Southeast with Camellia Acquisition
- UMMC partners with Coast's largest hospital
- U of Mississippi Medical Center, Memorial Hospital to collaborate

NORTH CAROLINA

- What's next for UNC health after failure to cut a mega-deal?
- Novant Health CEO Carl Armato on blogging, Fitbits and leadership academies
- BCBS Of North Carolina Invests \$1M In NCCU Nursing
- New Duke medical building in Raleigh fetches \$8M
- Southeastern Health names new chief engagement officer
- New Atrium Anesthesiology Provider Disputes Claim He's Reducing Staff
- Medical chief: Vidant poised for world-class regional cancer care
- NC doctor's office sends 'urgent' message: It will drop patients who miss checkups
- North Carolina hospital to end nearly 40-year partnership with anesthesia group
- Atrium Health slams firm in internal memo
- Atrium Health taps Dr. Jim Dunn as chief HR officer



- Mission looking for new location for MAMA
- Virtual doctor's office delivers real medical care
- Southeastern Health names new chief engagement officer
- Medicare Cuts Off Wake Forest Baptist University Medical Center After Lab Errors
- Mission Health to be acquired by Hospital Corporation of America
- UPDATED: Wake Forest Baptist at risk of losing reimbursements; corrective plan still under review
- UNC Clarifies Comments on Health Care Cost Control
- Wake Forest Baptist at risk of losing Medicare contract over cancer misdiagnoses

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Health in Brief: Roper Northwoods announces move and more
- Female doctors at MUSC say maternity leave policies punish women
- As Greenville Health System dispute nears resolution, County Council hopeful
- Report: Gender pay gap for doctors in Charleston is largest among top 50 metro areas
- South Carolina hospitals dealing with 'critical shortage' of opioids
- Bon Secours advocates for competitor after bill calls for sale of Greenville Health System
- Medical professionals warn against using Uber, Lyft for ride to the hospital
- Greenville Memorial achieves Magnet status

TENNESSEE

- SpecialtyCare Expands Brentwood, Tennessee, Headquarters
- HCA Healthcare's CEO made 312 times more than median employee in 2017
- Change Healthcare finds CFO at CSX
- Alive Hospice names CNO
- Booming Nashville tech company raises \$30 million from big-name investors
- Ballad Health names new VP of Office of Population Health
- NY firm leads \$8M round for 180 Health
- CHS tumbles on word of restructuring advisor hire
- Mission Health to be acquired by Hospital Corporation of America
- HCA to buy Carolina health system
- CHS seeks to terminate spinoff agreements amid feud with Quorum

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS



- Hospital using new heart-valve surgery
- Hospital ready then, even more prepared today
- Unity Health CEO to retire after 30 year career
- Governor Signs Pharmacy Benefit Manager Bill into Law

ARIZONA

- This hospital system is the largest nonprofit in Arizona
- Banner Health under investigation for 2016 cyberattack
- Arizona ACO adopts blockchain platform to improve outcomes, gain efficiencies
- Banner Health sees annual net income more than double

LOUISIANA

- The looming budget crisis in Louisiana could leave us with fewer doctors
- Allegiance Buys 3 LifePoint Hospitals
- Shreveport Health Company to buy Minden Medical Center
- Ochsner completes part of \$360M campus expansion
- Family medicine doctors in state increasingly come from international schools to meet health needs
- Budget fallout? More medical school grads leaving Louisiana
- University Medical Center operator threatens to terminate management agreement over budget impasse
- Louisiana's Safety Net Hospitals Put The State On Notice

NEW MEXICO

Presbyterian Healthcare Services to hire 350 employees for new hospital in Sante Fe

OKLAHOMA

- Terry gives health systems update
- Rural Hospital CEO Pushing For Nurse Practitioner Bill
- Rural Oklahoma hospital CEO: We need NPs to fill physician shortages

TEXAS

- Microhospitals Have Become Part of the North Texas Healthcare Equation, But Will Some Feel The Heat from A CMS Survey Change?
- New Study Has Dallas Among Top 10 Markets for Physician Compensation
- Encompass Expands in Southeast with Camellia Acquisition
- New emergency center coming to Northeast El Paso
- Texas Children's Hospital surgeon-in-chief leaving for Austin's Dell Medical School
- Muve Health plans expansion to 30 facilities, plus 4 key quotes from CEO P. Marshall Maran
- Health care conglomerate to bring Ascension Seton Health Center to Buda in spring 2019



- Change Healthcare names Fredrik Eliasson new executive vice president and chief financial officer
- Community Medical Center makes grade, but better things ahead
- University Medical Center becomes first magnet hospital in West Texas
- Dallas-based Axxess Acquires a Home Health Data Company
- Medical City North Hills Hires a New Chief Nursing Officer
- UT Health East Texas lays off 400 workers

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Nurse from Newfoundland and Labrador appointed CEO of Alaska's largest hospital
- Pickens County Medical Center names new CEO

IDAHO

- Urgent care pediatric clinic opening in Idaho Falls
- EIRMC announces new Chief Operations Officer
- Idaho bill to provide health insurance for poor stalls again
- When a loved one needs hospice, you'll have new options in Idaho. Like a death doula.

MONTANA

- Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital CEO to retire in June
- In wake of cuts, Livingston Mental Health Center to close

OREGON

- Oregon Health Authority Prepares to Launch New Credentialing Program
- Asante upgraded to level 2 trauma center
- DOJ launches investigation of shuttered FamilyCare, demands documents
- Unity Center fined by state regulators for unreported assaults on employees
- Intel names public health expert to board; extends chairman's term
- Coquille Valley Hospital names permanent CFO
- Oregon fines mental health hospital \$1.6k for failing to protect workers from patient assaults

WASHINGTON

- In Rural Washington, Pediatricians A Scarce Commodity
- Lourdes employees expected to keep jobs, says potential owner
- Grays Harbor Community Hospital lays off quarter of leadership roles
- Public hearings well-attended as process continues for sale of Lourdes Health



- Washington State Legislature Passes Union-Friendly Home Care Worker Bill
- Alder CEO leaves as CGRP migraine race nears end

WYOMING

- Wyoming Department of Health Joins Forces with Medicity to Develop Statewide Health Information Exchange
- Department of Health to improve clinical record sharing

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Jordan Named COO of Providence St. Joseph Health Southern California
- NantHealth reports 300% increase in genetic analysis revenue since 2016: 4 things to know
- Long Beach Hospital On Earthquake Fault Line Set To Close
- Dignity Health, SEIU reach agreement
- Sutter Health, Aetna hire CEO to lead joint health plan product
- Nanthealth Inc. Reports \$175-Million Loss
- Adventist Health's affiliation with Marysville's Rideout Health approved by attorney general
- Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford CEO departs due to health concerns
- Los Angeles hospital furthers \$542M expansion plan

COLORADO

- Ex-Aspen Valley Hospital nurse files federal complaint
- Naming rights? Colorado firm sues Spectrum Health over MedNow service
- Denver doctors receive some of the lowest physician salaries in America
- Off the Chart: Expansion propels Fruita hospital to higher level of care
- Muve Health plans expansion to 30 facilities, plus 4 key quotes from CEO P. Marshall Maran
- Banner Health cuts 'handful' of jobs in Northern Colorado
- Private ER would provide 'concierge' option in south Fort Collins
- Lutheran Medical Center parent to buy controversial property in Wheat Ridge
- Boulder biotech raises \$35 million

HAWAII

- Health policy bills progressing in Hawaii
- New federal budget bill boosts funding for Native Hawaiian programs

NEVADA

Health care takes cues from hospitality on customer service



- Nevada fines Las Vegas group home owner \$25K
- HCA taps Brian Cook as president of Far West Division

UTAH

- Intermountain-led generic drug venture faces big hurdles, could forge new regulatory and political ground
- Telehealth tips, torn from the playbook of Intermountain's massive virtual hospital
- Intermountain Healthcare employees brace for more job cuts as Utah's largest employer readies to 'adapt or die'
- Intermountain, SSM, Ascension and Trinity's generic drug venture could have a third of the hospital market as members
- Dixie Regional Medical Center launches capital campaign for \$300M expansion, consolidation project