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- [Alere Pays \\$33.2M to Settle False Claims Act Allegations](#)
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- [Apple's Pact with 13 Health Care Systems Might Actually Disrupt the Industry](#)
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- [The hospital CEO's marketing to-do list: Q&A with Mark Shipley, CEO of Smith & Jones](#)
- [Healthgrades, MGMA release analysis of 7M patient reviews](#)
- [MIPS data submission deadline is March 31: 5 things to know](#)
- [10 best, worst states for physicians](#)
- [CMS Deputy CIO Janet Vogel to step into HHS CISO role](#)

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [BMC's Chief Operating Officer Departing for Connecticut Hospital](#)
- [New COO Hired At Greenwich Hospital](#)
- [New Haven Nursing Home Fined After Patient Fall](#)
- [Trinity Health new pres., CEO Eadie begins Monday](#)
- [Ascension moves to sell St. Vincent's Medical Center](#)
- [Western Connecticut Health Network to merge with New York-based health system](#)
- [CT Health Foundation awards \\$260K in 1Q grants](#)
- [Industry study: Hospital sector contributed \\$27.7B to state economy](#)

- Hartford HealthCare to acquire St. Vincent's in Bridgeport
- Fortifying ties between physicians, specialists

MAINE

- Lawmakers override governor vetoes on health care bills
- Central Maine Healthcare to convert Best Buy into outpatient center
- Maine Medical Center seeks key city approval for phase 1 of big expansion
- Poliquin pushing VA to deliver overdue payments to Maine hospitals

MASSACHUSETTS

- South Shore Hospital steps up security after former employee sends troubling email
- Massachusetts General Hospital's first joint cancer center opens in China
- Massachusetts Doctor Sentenced In \$8.7M Health Care Fraud
- BMC's Chief Operating Officer Departing for Connecticut Hospital
- Nurses union resists flu shot mandate
- Massachusetts General Hospital Taps Population Health Tools for Better Chronic Care
- Baystate Franklin nurses set strike date
- Former UMass Memorial nurse says she was subjected to 'twisted hazing ritual' by surgeon

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- \$22 million Brattleboro hospital expansion project approved
- Hospital knowingly hired nursing officer without a license

NEW YORK

- Skilled nursing providers, billing consultants pay \$6M to resolve whistleblower allegations
- Schumer addresses shortage of physicians
- River Hospital plans to kick off expansion projects this summer
- Hospitals in the ICU: Running out of patients and cash
- Work begins on new health center in Plattsburgh
- Department of Health issues contingent approval for Eastern Niagara's affiliation with Kaleida Health
- Southern Tier hospital merger complete
- McGuire Group opens region's first subacute care unit for cardiac patients
- Western Connecticut Health Network to merge with New York-based health system
- Unsecured N.Y. medical practice server exposes 42,000 records
- Oscar Health raises \$165 million, outlines expansion plans
- Long-term care provider pays \$10.3M to resolve false billing allegations

- Finger Lakes Health pays hackers' demand, recovering from ransomware attack

RHODE ISLAND

- Neighborhood Health Plan Loses \$1.7 Million In 2017
- WalletHub: R.I. ranks second-worst state in nation for doctors to practice

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Newest Loudoun hospital fosters medical office construction nearby

MARYLAND

- Skilled nursing providers, billing consultants pay \$6M to resolve whistleblower allegations
- Maryland Nursing Home Sells for \$15M, Developer Eyes Office Conversion in NJ
- Maryland hospital officials, patient advocates fight over patient bill of rights legislation
- Baltimore physicians continue to see 3rd lowest pay in U.S.
- CEO of Bethesda's Northwest Biotherapeutics loans her company \$4.4M

NEW JERSEY

- A Clinically Integrated Network Forges Success in Southeastern New Jersey
- Optometrist will spend 33 months in federal prison for health care fraud
- New medical school to open in New Jersey
- New Jersey's new EHR sharing model, OneHealth, gets nod from CMS
- Study: NJ tough place to practice medicine
- Murphy introduces additional health care proposals to budget
- Hackensack Meridian opens 1st private medical school in the state in 60 years
- Maryland Nursing Home Sells for \$15M, Developer Eyes Office Conversion in NJ

PENNSYLVANIA

- Skilled nursing providers, billing consultants pay \$6M to resolve whistleblower allegations
- Good Shepherd to open rehab hospital in Berks at Penn State St. Joseph
- Geisinger's latest work: An upcoming patient transportation initiative and new insight on chronic liver disease
- Einstein Healthcare Network credit downgraded
- Pennsylvania, seeking \$1.2M in fees from court fight over Hershey Medical Center merger, gets support
- Allentown-based provider to open rehabilitation facility at Penn State Health St. Joseph
- Geisinger, St. Luke's Team Up to Build New Schuylkill County Hospital
- In its latest merger, Thomas Jefferson aims to add Einstein Healthcare

- Cooper University Health Care Adds Operating Rooms to Meet Increasing Demand for Surgeries
- Lemoyne-based medical practice opens another central Pa. office
- Independent pulmonary practice expands into York County
- Abington-Lansdale Hospital names chief administrative officer

VIRGINIA

- Mary Washington Healthcare makes big advances with small treatments
- Centra Health forms accountable care organization

WEST VIRGINIA

- Vatican approves Cabell Huntington-St. Mary's deal
- Fairmont Regional Medical Center aims to strengthen community, educational and medical bonds
- UHC continues to expand with a clinic to open in Weston this fall
- St. Joseph's Hospital continues to a slow and steady growth
- Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Mon Health System exploring replacement hospital in Weston
- Mon Health expects to open new facilities this year

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Senate Bill Expands Rural Access to Telehealth in Iowa
- Genesis Medical Center to pay \$1.88 million to resolve 'False Claims Act' allegations
- Mercy Medical Center-Sioux City selects new president
- Nebraska City hospital chief resigns

KANSAS

- Kansas regulators seek to take over 15 nursing homes

MINNESOTA

- Sisters of St. Joseph oppose Regions' downtown St. Paul expansion
- Mayo Clinic, OMC show profits in independent financial report
- Tom Lindquist Tapped as CEO of Allina Health Aetna Joint Venture
- Mayo Clinic, union to meet with judge over lockout of Albert Lea health care workers
- Mayo Clinic CEO on how to drive waste out of health care
- Nuns oppose Regions Hospital's expansion

MISSOURI

- Mercy to open more primary care offices in the south St. Louis region

- Doc was sued for malpractice 13 times in Illinois. He's in 'good standing' in Missouri
- Publishing drug prices, selling straight to hospitals are in plans for nonprofit drug venture with STL ties
- Missouri takes 'granular' look at health data
- Ascension could shift away from hospital focus, Modern Healthcare video finds
- Health care startup closes on \$2.5 million round
- After six years, Centerpoint CEO retires
- Ascension to add chief digital officer
- How Mercy Hospital Network saved \$4.3 million with nursing analytics dashboard
- City juggles changes in funding for safety-net providers
- WSJ: Ascension, Providence St. Joseph halt merger negotiations
- Ascension, Providence St. Joseph no longer exploring merger: WSJ
- Ascension CEO: I spend 'probably 25% of my time' on leadership development
- Mercy drops St. Anthony's name from South County hospital
- Without a single solution, hospitals are taking different paths to interoperability

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska finds new management for troubled nursing homes
- Columbus, area nursing facilities under receivership
- Nursing, assisted living facilities in receivership after missing payroll
- Nebraska hospital's new imaging tech 'saves lives'
- Kelly to resign at CHI Health St. Mary's
- Ex-CEO of Omaha Pharmaceutical Firm Is Sentenced For Kickback Scheme

NORTH DAKOTA

- Recruiting company aims to help ND hospitals find nurses in tight job market
- NDSU gets OK to build addition that will expand nursing, health programs

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Rapid City Regional Health leads the way in cardiovascular therapy
- Wallethub claims South Dakota is a great state for doctors

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Illinois hospital uses new app to communicate with EMS
- Illinois fails to recoup \$76 million in Medicaid overpayment

- Rush University Medical Center reaps higher CMS star ratings, cost savings with homegrown analytics software
- Email hack on ATI Physical Therapy breaches data of 35,000 patients
- Delnor Hospital plans expansion, renovation

INDIANA

- IU Health: Downtown hospital is possible, but at least three other Fort Wayne facilities will open first
- Doctor scarcity lures IU Health
- Aspire Indiana Health now accepting patients in Noblesville
- Porter Regional Hospital Welcomes New COO

KENTUCKY

- Pharmacists say surprise cuts in Medicaid payments threaten to close them down
- Kindred Healthcare sues federal government for over \$10 million
- Kindred Healthcare seeks review of \$10M denial for dual-eligible patients
- LabCorp forms lab partnership with Kentucky health system
- Kentucky Hospitals Joining Bevin Lawsuit Over Medicaid Changes
- Humana Reduces 'Unhealthy Days' In Medicare Population Health Effort
- Kindred Healthcare wins out in court over Humana merger — with minor conditions
- Judge denies request to block sale of Kindred Healthcare

MICHIGAN

- Report: Health care venture capital investment in Michigan grew significantly in 2017
- DMC close to completing layoffs
- Hospitals adjust staffing to payment changes
- Radio ad calls on Duke University to address RN staffing at UPHS-Marquette
- County approves DCHS sale to Bellin
- Report: Health care a growing economic engine in Michigan
- Physical therapy practice opening clinic
- West Michigan hospitals win Excellence Awards
- Doctors criticize Michigan Medicine concierge plan
- Medical company acquires manufacturer
- Sparrow Health settles lawsuit with infection control whistleblower
- Detroit Medical Center continues reorganization with layoffs, additional frontline workers

OHIO

- Specialty hospital is Crystal Clinic's next big step

- [Kettering Health Network adding more jobs at Fort Hamilton Hospital](#)
- [Salem Regional Medical Center closing maternity ward](#)
- [Premier Health to close 491-bed Ohio hospital before September](#)
- [Inside Cleveland Clinic's Skilled Nursing Strategy](#)
- [University Hospitals fertility clinic failure affects more patients than thought](#)
- [Cincinnati Children's leader Fisher gets cancer diagnosis, takes leave from his job](#)
- [Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center to compete with \\$50M orthopedic hospital](#)
- [University Hospitals' CEO Tom Zenty addresses fertility clinic failure](#)
- [Mercy Health invests in tech firm](#)
- [Oscar Health, a startup partnered with the Cleveland Clinic, raises \\$165 million to expand to other cities](#)
- [Nationwide Children's Hospital CEO announces plans for retirement](#)

WISCONSIN

- [Turney talks Marshfield Clinic Health System's expansion plans](#)
- [Marquette unveils plans for new physician assistant building](#)
- [Trilogy Health Solutions partners with Milwaukee-based Startup Access HealthNet to Reform Workers' Compensation](#)
- [Two more Wisconsin nursing homes closing, both citing Medicaid reimbursement problems](#)
- [Ascension Wisconsin's parent company restructuring: Article](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Encompass Health ready to open new home office](#)
- [AL legislature approves bill for rural hospital resource center](#)
- [How UAB Health System is helping rural hospitals in crisis through a state resource center](#)
- [Lawsuit Over HealthSouth Fraud Cleared to Move Forward](#)
- [PCMC Welcomes New CEO](#)
- [EAMC audit shows \\$8.1 million net income, highlights challenges faced by hospital](#)
- [Evonik expands Birmingham health care business with 50 new jobs](#)
- [UAB-Infirmity Health alliance could have big impact on Alabama care](#)
- [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama names new CEO](#)

FLORIDA

- [Broward Health looks to give fat bonuses to leadership, including two under indictment](#)
- [Orange Park Medical Center Pleased With State Law Settling Trauma Drama](#)

- Martin Health System wants to become full member of Cleveland Clinic system
- No trauma center for Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg
- Florida Hospital Tampa doctors managing patients' post-op pain without opioids
- Whistleblower wins \$1M suit against Heart of Florida hospital in Polk courtroom
- New law requires generators at nursing homes in Florida
- What Might Happen if the Boca Regional Hospital is Sold?
- Jonathan Watkins Named New CEO Of Broward Health Imperial Point
- Verax to build medical complex in Winter Park
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital's latest expansion plan: A \$220M cancer center
- Medical Center of Trinity taps Sally Seymour as COO
- Indicted Broward Health board chairman resigns
- Orlando Health, Aetna roll out joint health plan

GEORGIA

- Some rural hospitals used for big insurance reimbursements – and profit
- SGMC renews grant for health center
- Georgia-based healthcare provider reports personal data lost in mail
- New CEO lays blueprint to turn CMC into regional hospital
- Georgia Nursing Board in tense fight to control its investigators
- Redmond gets CON for obstetrics and birthing unit
- Deadline looms for Piedmont Healthcare, Blue Cross Georgia in reimbursement dispute
- Savannah hospital files \$30 million renovation plans

MISSISSIPPI

- Mississippi House threatens Medicaid budget in rules dispute
- OCH trustees begin affiliation considerations
- Starkville hospital meets with possible affiliation partners
- Mississippi Medicaid saves \$4.6M in one year by identifying unnecessary, expensive scripts
- Gulfport Memorial and UMMC begin partnership
- Merit Health Natchez CEO departing
- Mississippi health officials warn of possible data breach
- UMMC appoints new faculty leadership, human resources chief

NORTH CAROLINA

- Mission Health has signed a letter of intent to join HCA Healthcare

- [Vidant Rolls Out New Virtual Care Model](#)
- [Mission Health says proposed HCA Healthcare acquisition unlikely to spur job losses](#)
- [North Carolina hospital wants acquisition by Nashville-based firm](#)
- [Mission Health begins talks on anticipated sale](#)
- [Impacts of Mission Health acquisition still being examined](#)
- [LabCorp forms lab partnership with Kentucky health system](#)
- [Anesthesiology group launches ad campaign decrying Atrium Health's decision to switch providers](#)
- [In Atrium Health contract fight, doctors go on the offensive](#)
- [Cardinal sues fired CEO, former execs](#)
- [UNC Rockingham hits medical field running](#)
- [Hospital project \\$14 million over budget](#)
- [Cooper says Mission deal could be 'positive,' questions impact on poorest residents](#)
- [Mission sale: Letter to employees from CMO, health clinic director](#)
- [National Labor Relations Board issues complaint against Duke LifePoint](#)
- [Wake Forest Baptist gets brief extension on Medicare contract](#)
- [Raleigh investment firm buys 20-year-old Massachusetts pharma](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [National health program eyeing Charleston](#)

TENNESSEE

- [Mission Health has signed a letter of intent to join HCA Healthcare](#)
- [HealthStar welcomes new CEO Rita Bunch](#)
- [Nashville General Hospital seeks \\$46.6M to remain afloat, mayor offers support](#)
- [Saint Thomas buys New Salem land for \\$1.5M to build surgery center in Murfreesboro](#)
- [Scapa Healthcare breaks ground on Tennessee medical device manufacturing facility](#)
- [Dyersburg hospital sold to West Tennessee Healthcare](#)
- [Tennessee hospital purchases 3 acres for expansion](#)
- [Partnership with New York firm to land millions for Vanderbilt](#)
- [Quorum Health board chairman resigns](#)

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- [AR Children's, Jefferson County hospital alliance brings specialized care to more babies](#)

- CHI St. Vincent Adds Two Neurosurgeons in Hot Springs

ARIZONA

- Northern Arizona Healthcare CEO resigns suddenly
- Northern Arizona Healthcare announces change in executive leadership

LOUISIANA

- Lawmakers consider measures to revamp La. nursing homes
- Louisiana Rejects Proposal to Shift Skilled Nursing Residents to Home Care
- Cameras in Louisiana nursing home rooms would be allowed under proposed law

NEW MEXICO

- Hospital company Lifepoint visits Gila Regional
- New Mexico law that puts cap on malpractice claims unconstitutional, court rules
- Centene to fill ABQ leadership team with local candidates
- Presbyterian set to hire more than 300 for new Santa Fe facility

OKLAHOMA

- Rural Oklahoma hospital CEO: We need NPs to fill physician shortages
- Oklahoma startup provides transportation to health care
- Oklahoma State Department of Health names new interim commissioner

TEXAS

- Ashworth named CEO at TIRR Memorial Hermann
- UT Health East Texas laying off 400 workers
- Christus Spohn Health System selects new president for 2 hospitals
- Methodist Health System's operating income climbs 29% in Q1
- Healthcare Design With Millennial In Mind
- Tenet's Largest Shareholder Agrees to Support Board Nominations, Proposals As Company Tweaks Bylaws
- Baylor Scott & White Health CEO Jim Hinton on Setting a New Strategy, Amazon, and the Hospitals of the Future
- Dallas County narrowly passes \$83M deal to sell old Parkland Hospital
- Hospital board votes to approve management agreement
- Parkland Health taps Corey Jackson as chief talent officer
- El Paso Children's Hospital comes to agreement with Medicaid program
- Medical Center Health System CFO attributes hospital district's bond downgrade to Cerner issues

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Bill protecting healthcare workers from assaults passes house unanimously
- Seattle-based medevac operator adds life-saving service for Alaskans

IDAHO

- Boise physician's startup seeks to help busy women manage a healthy lifestyle
- Idaho's House reject another health care proposal
- Idaho's Medicaid Gap Population Drops As Much As 35 Percent

OREGON

- Coquille Valley Hospital names permanent CFO
- PeaceHealth's top Oregon executive to leave job in April
- PeaceHealth Oregon chief executive to step down in April

WASHINGTON

- WSJ: Ascension, Providence St. Joseph halt merger negotiations
- Ascension, Providence St. Joseph no longer exploring merger: WSJ
- Patients at This Seattle Surgery Center Can Go Home Just Hours After a Joint Replacement
- Seattle-based medevac operator adds life-saving service for Alaskans
- Providence, Swedish services to pay \$1.4M over lab-work complaint

WYOMING

- Wyoming forms HIE to improve patient info exchange in state
- Ribbon Cutting Held for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming
- Hospital board alleges trustee violated policy
- Wyoming, Medicity to Create Statewide Health Information Exchange
- Lawsuit claims hospital's negligence caused boy's death

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Under pressure, California Assembly pitches alternatives to single-payer health care
- Family values important for hospital CEO
- Huntington Hospital's New CEO Puts Patients Ahead of Business
- California health system's new outpatient surgery center 'the missing piece'
- Health care costs 30% more in Northern California than in rest of the state
- Canvas Medical reveals tech platform geared toward primary care practices

- [Marin General Hospital forges alliance with UCSF](#)
- [Canopy Health Announces New CFO Michael Sheils](#)
- [Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center appoints chief strategy officer](#)

COLORADO

- [Trendsetting Colorado Springs medical practice changes name after 30-plus years](#)
- [Colorado nursing shortage bill will become law, even though Hickenlooper derides its “mission creep”](#)
- [Colorado House moving bills aimed at high health care costs](#)
- [Lutheran Medical Center parent to buy controversial property in Wheat Ridge](#)
- [Local corporate healthcare startup raises \\$1.5M](#)
- [Bill to make freestanding ER costs more transparent clears Colorado’s House](#)
- [Brian Turner named new CEO for Solvista Health](#)

HAWAII

- [Cardiac unit proposal still has a pulse](#)
- [Hawaii named one of the worst states for doctors](#)

NEVADA

- [Henderson Hospital's New Outpatient Surgical Center Installs Bacteria Fighting Operating Room Light Fixtures](#)
- [North Las Vegas hospital quick to oust mentally ill, former patients say](#)

UTAH

- [Intermountain Healthcare to outsource some IT employees](#)